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The Journal

Council settles library controversy

By Tara Suan
ALBANY — In a sudden reversal on the controversy surrounding the Albany Library, the City Council voted Tuesday night to supplement baseline operations with four extra hours

ent baseline operations with four extra hours of full service staffing.

A jubilant crowd cheered the council's arply split vote to approve a substitute plan at calls for the library to be staffed on Monday d Tuesday mornings with both check-out erks and librarians for 22 weeks beginning by

cb. 1.

The action signals the death knell for the ibrary Board's proposal to enact circulation-nly hours — an experimental program that me say is the only solution to increasingly onstrained public resources.

That plan would have also provided four tra open hours each would, but would have leant the elimination of full librarian service uring those hours.

After over three hours of contentious testions from members of the community, the lay Council voted 3-2 in favor of the full-rvice option introduced by Paul Rockwell, lbany Library children's librarian and a memor of SEIU Local 616.

"Tonsider this an arrangement that satisfies terybody," said Rockwell.

But while Rockwell refrained from calling e outcome a victory, Mayor Mike Brodsky, y contrast, called it a union "concession."

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EC investigation vields 3 arrests

viven it was discovered that food stamps were lived, that brought in state and federal agencies, Clark. Suspect Abdo Saif is alleged to have ght the food stamps at half price, laundering them assing them on to other markets and liquor stores, would cash them in at full value.

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New El Cerrito development proposed

EL CERRITO — After sitting for years as an empty lot, the old Mayfair property may finally get a new lease on life. The city of El Cerrito has received not one, but two competing proposals for the redevelopment of Target Area No. 2, the Mayfair site, on San Pablo Avenue between Knott and Cutting.

Both potential developers have a vested interest in the property. The IBEX group, proposing a mixed-use project of 10,000 square feet of commercial and 130 residential units for the site, developed Del Norte Place, just north of the property. Oewel & Associates, proposing a multi-screen movie theatre, is also making plans for a mixed-use project at the Del Norte BART station

John Stewart, of the IBEX group, has proposed that the mixed use project consist of 20 one-bedroom units, 64 two-bedroom units and 46 three-bedroom units. It would be considered a family development and would be classified as affordable housing.

A 2,500 square foot day care unit would be included, as well as the retail space.

The project is proposed to be financed using multifamily housing bonds issued by Contra Costa County, funds from another county home investment program, and direct assistance of \$3.9 million from the redevelopment agency, including donation of the land.

Oewel Partners is currently in an exclusive relationship with BART to develop the parking lot property;



El Cerrito 'Living the Dream' of Martin Luther King, Jr.

EL CERRITO —The remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was celebrated throughout the country Monday, and El Cerrito once again recognized the occasion with a parade and commemorative

As evidenced by the varied ethnicity of parade participants, the civil rights movement in the United States is not just black and white. Native Americans and Asians were among the groups joining African Americans and caucasions in the 10 a.m. march down San Pablo Avenue.

As diverse as the colors among the participants were their opinions on the parade's theme, "Living See DREAM, page 8

Students (top) from Sunshine School in Hayward have been joining in El Cerrito's parade for the last four years. Susan Llebermann (above) carries a portrait of King during the

New school moves one step closer

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY - Despite criticism and concern from the cities of Albany and El Cerrito, the Albany Unified School Distirct Board is moving forward with plans for a new middle school at the former Hill Lumber

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Landslide on Albany Hill

ALBANY - Jackson Street resi-nt Ed Lynch watched in wonder st week when a deluge of winter

re contacting the property er right now to have them n up the debris," Baker said.

They've not been very respon-ve in the past I am told," he said.



A landslide on Albany Hill last week brought down rocks, mud and a tree as well. $\ensuremath{^{\it Ed}}$

Increases in Albany garbage fees, recycling services pending

By Tara Suan

ALBANY —The Albany City
Council has unanimously approved
Waste Management of Alameda
County's request to adjust their garbage service rates for 1995-1996.

Residents of Albany can expect
to pay 10.2 percent more for garbage pick-up this year and 10 percent the following year.

In addition, the council authorized city staff to expand the city's recycling program, a service which

recycling program, a service which will be provided by Waste Management as well.

mgnt.
Under a plan developed by outside consultant Judy Lieberman, the city will expand recycling services considerably: in addition to the cans, newspapers and glass, the city will also take mixed paper (like junk mail), plastics, and motor oil.

also jump: instead of less than \$1, residents will pay over \$5 for recy-

Mayor Mike Brodsky asked, "I want to be sure there is an appre-ciable reduction in the waste we are

generating."

Lieberman assured him, "You will get a big bang for your buck(s)."

Resident David Arkin, one of the few diehards to last through the meeting, said warningly, "It's a really big increase, and we have really small lots in Albany."

Staff will begin drafting a proposal for council adoption and the city will hold a public meeting to discuss the recycling increases before a contract is signed with Waste Management.

business, icteating a denert that has been picked up by the cities it contracts with.

"Under (the city's agreement with Waste Management) we are obligated to pay them a fair and reasonable return plus expenses," said City Administrator Darren Fields Tuesday.

As a result, Albany records a cumulating deficit for the service, which is paid off gradually through small annual adjustments to the garbage services rate rather than one lump increase.

A portion of this year's 10 percent increase will go towards paying off the deficit (Albany's portion last year was \$419,000 and is projected at \$373,050 for next year).

The current three-year plan will

wipe out the deficit by the end of 1997.

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■ Remembering When

By William Paul

Getting over the Big Depression no easy task

A good many of you young people in your 50s get annoyed at older people who continue to talk about the Big Depression of the late '20s and '30s. Sorry, but that darn thing influenced our lives so deeply it's still with us, and let me explain some reasons why.

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why.
One joke of the era had a
panhandler saying, "Say, Buddy,
can you spare \$1.10 for a cup of
offee?"

"Cover charge."

Believe it or not, but a dollar cover charge would buy you and your girl friend a whole evening's entertainment at a your girl friend a whole evening's entertainment at a firstrate hotel, dancing to music by a Big Band of the time. Your only additional expense would be maybe another dollar for something like a Mission Orange drink. (We're ignoring booze in this picture.)

So for that two bucks, all you had to do was work eight hours.

So for that two bucks, all you had to do was work eight hours. Providing you had a job, that is. And providing your dad would let you borrow the car. And that the car had some gas in the tank. Or perhaps your gal friend would rather take in a movie. You'd need the car, of course, but you could get by for two hours of work. Four at the most. Seventy cents would buy you loge seats at a top-notch, palatial theater showing one excellent film, a second picture maybe not as good, and a stage show featuring a headline

Supports full service

entertainer and several lesser acts, backed by a 10-piece band. You'd need the rest of the dollar for two Cokes. No ... come to think about it, you might have a dime left if the Cokes only cost a dime actions actio

24 minutes. The above figures are not strictly accurate, being based on 25 cents an hour — some begin-ners started at that figure, but as ners started at that rigure, but a late as 1935 the going wage for thousands of retail store clerks with many years of experience was \$16 for a 48-hour week— that's three hours for \$1.

So for entertainment they So for entertainment they played card games at home and they played for glory — nobody had any money to bet with. Hence the popularity of Monopoly and Mah Jong, both of which provided the players with fake money to use. For of which provided the players with fake money to use. For whose who insisted on playing for money, it was fairly common to have each player chip in a stated amount to a pot, then use chips as markers and at the end of play give the pot to the one with the most chips.

So much for entertainment during the Depression

during the Depression.

Even the banks had problems. Even the banks had problems.

During that period one of the bigger banks had to foreclose on so much real estate property they had to set up two big companies to handle the maintenance and/or sale of it -

one for farmland and the other for commercial ventures. And of course pretty soon some of the banks got in bad shape.

It would help if I could remember some of the prices you could get a Ford or Chevy for — new, that is — during the depth of the bad times. I'm sure the low point was very near \$500 f.o.b. San Francisco. It wasn't much higher than that.

\$500 f.o.b. San Francisco. It wasn't much higher than that. Apparently back in those days the courts of law wanted to be sure to get their money's worth out of the jurors they hired — they made prospective jurors take written tests before signing them up. Then after they passed, on the notice they sent telling when and where to show up they included a statement to "Herein Fail Not" and paid them by leaving two silver dollars on their chairs during the noon break.

You could get your hair cut
75 cents at the Palace Hotel;

for 75 cents at the Palace Hotel; the union shops would charge you 50 cents; but the going price at the popular places was 35 cents. The barber would be happy with a dime tip.

All of the above is from observations made in California. I've been told many times that we were lucky out here, that back in the eastern part of the country things were much, much worse. It was even said that back there the girls were marrying the sailors for their money. Can you believe it?



■ Police Reports

Alleged robbery attempt foiled in E0

EL CERRITO -EL CERRITO — A man in a black ski mask reportedly approached a Felton resident while she was at the Wells Fargo Bank ATM at about 7:47 p.m. Dec. 29. The woman fell to the ground and screamed, however, and the man ran off

ran off.

Three unknown male suspects approached an Albany man in the northeast portion of the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot at about 12:40 a.m. Dec. 30. They pointed guns at the victim and demanded cash. They received \$3.

An Alameda man is suspected of three separate burglary attempts.

* An Alameda man is suspected of three separate burglary attempts Jan. 12. All were unsuccessful. He is suspected of climbing on the roof of Granter Jewelry and Loan at about 7:03 p.m. Jan. 12 with the intent to commit burglary. He is also suspected of two attempts at residential burglary. The suspect is accused of entering

the garage of a home in the 3400 block of Carlson Boulevard between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. through a storage area door and unsuccessfully attempting to enter the residence. (Nothing was taken.)

It is also believed that he opened an unlocked kitchen window in the 5700 block of Lassen Street between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.,

between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., knocking items off the ledge in the process, then fleeing without

· A 1985 Buick Park Aven *A 1985 Burck Park Avenue was stolen from the lot at St. John's Catholic Church between 4:45 p.m. and 5:50 p.m. Dec. 31. *Someone smashed the win-dow of a 1989 Olds Toronado in

dow of a 1989 Olds Toronado in the 1600 block of Lexington Av-enue between 12 noon and 6:50 p.m. Dec. 31. The would-be car thief pried the steering column but was unsuccessful in starting the car.

• Someone used a BB or pellet gun to shoot a 15-foot by 15-foot

Group office building b 10:30 p.m. and 10:42 p.

A BB shot also broke

by 6-foot 2nd story residence window in the 5200 block press at about 7:30 p.m. no Two San Pablo men we rested for possession of a auto at Potrero Avenue and auto at Potrero Avenue and start to about 4:30 auto at Portero Avenue a 55th Street at about 4:30| 1. The 1994 Nissan Se been rented from Dollar Car by a Los Angeles re • A Hercules woman

rested for driving under tence at 2:10 a.m. Dec. corner of San Pablo Ave Hill Street.

A Richmond female

* A Richmond female is was arrested for shoplid FoodsCo.

* A Richmond man was under citizen's arrest for tip off a table at Carrow's afternoon of Jan. 6.

Robbery attempt fails, suspect flees scen

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — An Albany woman reported that while she was walking on Key Route Boulevard just north of Brighton Avenue at about 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 13 she was approached from behind by a person she described as a black male, 20-years-old, five feet eight inches tall, weighting 165 pounds, wearing a white ball cap, tan cloth jacket and dark tennis shoes. When she heard him approaching, she moved her bag to the front of her. The subject grabbed the bag then lost his balance and fell. He then regained his footing and fled west-bound on Brighton to a waiting vehicle described as a small white import pickup with a camper shell. He hopped in the passenger side and departed west-bound on Brighton Avenue. Police are investigating.

Officers responded to reports of a suspicious person prowling through cars parked at an auto repair business on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 9. Officers found a Berkeley man who was forcing open the cars and prowling the

2:30 a.m. on Jan. 9. Officers found a Berkeley man who was forcing open the cars and prowling the interiors. He was arrested.

• Unknown thieves broke into a storage locker at an apartment on the 900 block of Kains Avenue between Jan. 6 and the evening of Jan. 9, stole various items and

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• Sometime between noon on Jan. 7 and 9 a.m. on Jan. 9 unknown thieves broke into an '87 Mazda Pick-up which was parked on the 700 block of Jackson Street. The thieves took various items and departed unseen.

• Unknown thieves pried open the door of a gold '86 Plymouth parked on the 700 block of Jackson Street between 8 p.m. Jan. 8 and 8 a.m. Jan. 9. They took the car stereo and departed unseen.

• Unknown thieves broke into an '83 Cadillac parked in a lot on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue on the night of Jan. 9. They were able to defeat the ignition and drove away with the car unseen.

• At about 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 9

At about 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 9 two juveniles entered a liquor store on the 900 block of San

Pablo Avenue and attempted to purchase two bottles of alcoholic beverages. When the clerk requested ID they fled on foot without paying and taking one of the bottles with them. One of the subjects was described as a white bottles with them. One of the subjects was described as a white male, 14 to 16 years old, five feet seven inches tall, thin, wearinE a black knit cap, large black jacket and baggy black pants. The secondwas described as a white male, 14 to 16 years old, five feet five inches tall, and thin. Police are investigating.

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Between 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 9 and 8:40 a.m Jan.10 unknown thieves stole an '86 Chevy Astromini van from a parking garage on 900 block of Kains. There were no witnesses.

cutters to steal a 22 inch, 18 speed Raleigh bike from the 800 block of Stannage Avenue on the after-noon of Jan. 10. There were no

On the rnorning of Jan. 10

witnesses

• On the rnorning of Jan. 10 unknown thieves broke into a car parked on the 400 block of Jackson Street, stole the stereo and departed unseen.

• On the afternoon of Jan. 10 a person described as a white male, 17 to 19 years old, five feet ten inches tall, weighing 140 pounds, and wearing a blue sweatshirt, entered a store on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue, grabbed ten packs of cigarettes, then fled the store without paying for them.

Later that evening a Berkeley man entered the same store, grabbed two packs of cigarettes and fled on a bike. He was chased by a witness who knocked him off his bike. He then dropped the cigarettes and attempted to flee on foot. He was stopped by officers and place under citizen's arrest by the witness. He was booked, cited and released.

• On the evening of Jan. 11 a

and released.

On the evening of Jan. 11 a person described as a white male, 14 years old, five feet five inches tall, weighing 145 pounds, wearing light blue rain clothing with a gray hold, entered a liguor store gray hood, entered a liquor store on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue, took two bottles of beer from the rear cooler and fled the store on foot.

• At about 6:50 p.m. of ary 11 residents on the 120 of Brighton Avenue her noise of someone leaving of their house and ob of their nouse and obser subjects entering a creation or control of the control o weighing 150 pounds, we brown pendleton plaids it baggy brown and tan pat the sides of his head shaw short pony tail. The other was described as a black ty years old, six feet tall, we 180 pounds, with short blawearing a dark oversize and baggy blue jeans. The dents found that their of dow had been broken, the strength of the streng dow had been broken, th

rooms prowled and vario stolen. Police are invest Between 5:45 p.m. p.m. on January 11 u thieves used a lock punct Mazda parked in a lot of block of San Pablo Aven stole the in-dash AhVF cassette and depart-d w * Two Oakland wom

contacted when they served looking through at the Donation Trail parking lot at the Salvat Thrift Store on Solano A about 2 a.m. on Jan. were both arrested whe determined they were influence of narcotics. women was found to be a can of pepper spray and not have the proper certification. She was also dwith its possession.

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Near the area of Usan Pablo Avenues on the noon of Jan. 12 a transit was placed under citizen for indecent exposure w dropped his shorts and "yoo hoo" calling attemptions. On the pickt of Jan.

· On the night of Jan. bany officers located a colored Toyota Corona wagon parked on the 1000 of Eastshore Highway whi

Letters to the Editor

The Journal received a copy of the following letter sent to the members of the Albany City

This is to support "full service" library hours at the City Council meeting on Jan. 17.

"Circulation only" would not serve our family's need. We consult with the reference family's need. We consult with the reference librarians every time we come in to the library ... to ask about a special book the children have heard about ... to look for an interesting 'easy reader' book ... to do research for an adult project ... and to reserve books and videos.

Please do not replace our helpful librarians with security guards! We understand that if the "circulation only" policy goes into effect, then guards may be needed to protect the library's books and equipment— and the overall costs of "full service" will be nearly the same as "circulation only" hours.

tion only" hours.

We add our voices to the voices of man We add our voices to the voices of many Albany Library patrons who worked and voted for Measure N to keep the library open for more hours, on a "full service" basis. We are opposed to a "circulation only" policy.

Merry Selk and Pasquale Mariniello Albany

Arts in danger

Editor:

On Jan. 20 the first round of voting is scheduled to begin in congress which will determine the fate of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Some sources in Washington are saying optimistically the Endowment may be cut by 50 percent; realistically it may be eliminated. Since the NEA began in 1965, it has had a significant impact in the Bay Area — artistically, educationally and economically

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The Endowment has played an active role in the creation and presentation of music, dance, theater, visual arts, media arts and literary arts. Just the sheer volume of arts projects supported over the years and the vast populations who have been touched by those art projects should justify the NEA's existence. But there's more:

The arts create jobs, increase the tax base,

boost tourism, and spur growth in related busi-

boost tourism, and spur growth in related businesses such as hotels, restaurants and printing. For example, last year, \$123 million in NEA grants leveraged more that \$1.3 billion in matching funds. Each NEA dollar generates a 20 fold return in jobs, services and contracts and more than \$11 in matching funds. Private donations (which vary from year to year) or increased ticket prices (which would undermine arts institutions' mission to reach a broader audience) will not be able to replace a loss of federal funding.

Artists and nonprofit arts institutions/organizations are an investment in our childrens' future and improve their quality of life through artistic programming and educational and community outreach activities. The arts create better students. Research indicates that the arts stimulate learning and creativity, improve overall academic performance, develop problem-solving skills, teach discipline, promote team work and enhance self-esteem. These skills are invaluable if our next generation is to compete in the technologically advanced global community. As the arts continue to be cut from school curriculum, the NEA has put thousands of artists in classrooms in every state.

Arts institutions (and the NEA) bring families and communities together through children's, Shakespeare and music festivals; dance tours; outdoor summer concerts; free and reduced tickets for concerts and plays; and mobile museums for

Shakespeare and music festivals; dance tours; outdoor summer concerts; free and reduced tickets for concerts and plays; and mobile museums for rural and inner-city areas.

The United States is already at the bottom of the list for arts funding in the so-called "developed world." The elimination of the NEA would be a disgrace to our society and an international embarrassment. Please contact your representatives in Washington, D.C. and encourage them to support the National Endowment for the Arts.

Keith Terry

Unfolding debate

My hat is off to Wendy Handel (<u>Journal</u> Letters, Jan. 12) for her remarkably clear understanding and statement of the debate unfolding before us.

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Viewpoint

ompromise library plan would please everyone

intain the Tradition of interesting and a happy partnerip between Alameda County ployees and the people of bany. When the city of Albany with much creative effort from ameda County Library employes some years ago — won a \$2.5 lillon grant for a new building, ara Rae Genser wrote in the DURNAL: "Even in today's mate, good things can happen." A new proposal for four fullrylee open hours at the Albany brary has come before the city uncil. The number of hours is all, the amount of money 12,000) is small, but the new oposal is another good thing. II, the amount of money (2,000) is small, but the new oosal is another good thing. new, efficiency full-service on can actually resolve the ful "circ-only" controversy to attisfaction of all.

essence, the efficiency full-ce plan enables the Albany rvice plan enables the Albany brary to open four hours for ose to the same cost as the circity plan. Last week, Linda ood, County Librarian, proded the following figures for the Il-service option for open hours:

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The efficiency full-service tion is not a reduced-service

plan. The staffing is minimal, but adequate for morning hours.

Under the circ-only plan, the reference desk, children's desk, the high-demand computer rooms—the vital services—are closed four hours a week. Librarians are gone. Under the full-service option, all the vital services are open. While there is a vast difference between the two plans in terms of range and quality of service, the number of open hours is equivalent.

How is it possible to provide four full-service hours for nearly the same cost as four circ-only hours?

First circ-only requires four

First, circ-only requires four additional hours a week for a supervising clerk. The efficiency full-service option reduces the number of supervisory hours. Second, circ-only requires outlays for a new security guard, The plan creates a \$2,288 fund for a security guard inside the library. (Security guards may cover the airport and may be needed to guard banks. But it will be a sad day when a security guard replaces librarians at the once-friendly Albany library.)

Circ-only is also full of accumulated minor expenses—the costs of new training for First, circ-only requires four

the costs of new training for clerks, who will be trained on clerks, who will be trained on how to refuse to answer questions and how to turn away patrons; the cost of new signage, and the costs of a new survey. All of these circ-only projects are carried out at public expense; while none of these expenses are required in the full-service plan. That is why the new full-service plan is actually more cost-effective than the circmore cost-effective than the circ-

only plan.

Library Board members never preferred closed services to full-service. They merely based their original recommendation for circ only on a false assumption—that full services are too costly, that circ-only is a Draconian econor full services are too costly, that circ-only is a Draconian economic necessity - Sally Outis put it: Circ-only was not a goal; it was a proposal of last resort. Board members never reached agreement on the hard costs of circ-only plans. Larry Jones wrote in The Journal: "The point of contention is whether we add one hour of full service or four hours of circulation desk-only service." The four-to-one ratio was way off the mark. Robert Good wrote in The Journal: "Circulation-only hours cost only a third as much as full-service hours." County managment, even with an expensive full-service plan, set the ratio at two-to-one. The entire case for circ-only rests on mistaken ratios.

The past is over, and all's well that ends well. The new, efficiency full-service plan is a breakthrough. The dilemma perceived by the Board in August—closed doors or closed services—no longer exists. City officials, Board members, the people of Albany, and Alameda County employees all share common aspirations — more open library hours and the best

common aspirations — more open library hours and the best open library hours and the best range of services possible. Hopefully, the Albany City Council will recognize a good thing when it comes along. With a new, cost-effective full service option for more open hours, another good thing may happen at the Albany Library this spring.

Budget problems loom over Albany Unified School District

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY - In an ominous case of deja vu, the Albany Unified School District found out last week that this year's revenues won't be suffecient to cover its expenditures.

The district will use its reserves to cover the \$211,767 gap, but the short term remedy leaves the dis-

short term remedy leaves the district with little more than \$80,000

That figure is \$316,825 less than the amount required in the reserve account to cover economic uncer-

tainties.

"It's interesting that this discussion has many similarities to discussions of last year. We've gone without benefit of a Cost of Living without benefit of a Cost of Living Increase from the state in four years and it's taking its toll," District Superintendent Dale Hudson said in bringing the bad news to the board at their meeting last Tuesday.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Stanley Moleski agreed that the prognosis for the district is not good.

that the prognosis for the district is not good.

"The district's financial picture is not good. (But) I believe the district will be able to meet its financial obligations for the year.

"If we implement some fairly rigourous financial controls and revise our spending patterns we will be able to meet our obligations in the next years," he said.

Maleski said the shortfall is

Richmond areas.

Wells Fargo has teamed up with the United States Postal Inspection Service to distribute a "WANTED" poster of the sus-

The poster shows a picture of

Reward offered in series

largely due to inadequate controls on spending and said implementation of computer programs to monitor spending should help.
But Board Vice President Allan Riffer said in a later interview that the board will have to consider other measures to control its growing expenditures, suggesting that examining teacher salary advancements and laying off personnel may be considered.

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"We need to make some substantial reductions. If we are going to make staff reductions notice has to be given by March 15," he said. The board seems to be preparing for the worst despite news that the state will grant a 2.2 percent increase in school allocations for average daily attendance. The action means that Albany will receive an additional \$68 per student next year.

"It's not enough. When expenses are growing faster than that you can't make ends meet," Riffer said. The board held a special meeting Jan. 17 to further discussion on the issue.

Marsha Skinner asked if the state might also begin funding services it requires of local school districts.

Under the currently system the state is supposed to reimburse 70 percent of the cost of such services as non-public school placement of special education services.

"It's closer to 60 percent in the last year of two. There are a lot of forces working on this state-wide," Maleski replied.

Albany Teachers Association President Don DePasquale agreed that the funding descripancy is a critical issue.

"I don't see how and where they are going to cut anymore. In my

are going to cut anymore. In my opinion the real issue is balancing out things the state would like the district to do but doesn't fund to the tune of \$500,000 to \$600,000. I

tune of \$500,000 to \$600,000. I think the level of service (the district) provides is up to them," he said, suggesting that reductions there may be made.

DePasquale added that the freezing or reducing step and column advancements would not be wise.
"Step and Column effect new teachers more than they effect older we teachers more than they effect older we teachers. We don't get any raises every year. But if you don't offer there is no incentive for people," he said.

Under the step and column system, teachers advance in senority and salary level upon completion of additional courses taken. The system, in part, acts as an incentive for teachers to improve their skills.

At present the majority of teachers in the district have advanced as far as possible through the system and are earning salaries in the \$45,000 to \$50,000 range.

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of local bank robberies

Wells Fargo Bank is offering a\$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a woman suspected of mail theft, forgery and check fraud in El Cerrito, Oakland and Richmond areas.

Wells Fargo bank is offering the suspect, taken from an ID presented in a Wells Fargo branch where the suspect attempted to cash stolen(forged checks.

The suspect is a white female, in her mid to late 20's, 5' 2" tall, 120 to 145 pounds, green eyes and brown hair. She has noticeable acne.

Anyone with information on the suspect pictured in the most recent poster can contact the 24-hour WeTip hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME. All calls are confidential.



Bank robbery suspect



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Book 'em, Danno

Aloha, Oy: Like many, I'm a sucker for just about anything Hawaiian on TV. Having grown up on an Army base on the slope of Diamond Head with a of Diamond Head with a breathtaking view of all the other islands except Kauai, I later returned to write a daily TV column in Honolulu. I'm a 50th state junkie, and when I was a boy there, the locals were so sure they'd be admitted to the union before Alaska that the big Hawaiian-music record label was 49th State Records. (I still have some scratchy old 49th State singles).

The first time I happened across Rena Kahalua Nelson's across Rena Kahalua Nelson's old-Hawaiian music show on KPFA a few years ago, I had to pull over to the side of the road when tears welled up in my eyes. Memories of old Hawaii — as opposed to the Don Ho contemporary Hawaii — can do that to you

contemporary Hawaii — can do that to you.

But I still didn't get my hopes up when a preview copy of "Marker," the new, Hawaii-based series that debuted on the brandnew United Paramount Network Tuesday on Channel 44, arrived. It was, after all, produced by TV action guy Stephen J. Cannell, who bestowed "The A-Team" on humanity.

who bestowed "The A-Team" on humanity.

Alas, "Marker" is the usual "Five-O"-type Hawaiian junk. It stars Richard Grieco (from the epic "21 Jump Street") as a construction worker from New Jersey who's bequeathed a \$1 million piece of lagoon-front property on Oahu by his estranged dad. But daddy dearest also left behind some cut-glass "markers." They're supposedly a Hawaiian tradition marking debts owed to those who've helped him owed to those who've helped him out over the years. So Grieco decides to stay in Hawaii and not return to The Garden State — tough call — in order to pay off Dad's markers.

Dad's markers.

In all my years of living in Hawaii, I'd never heard of markers. Then again, I'd never heard of a police bureau called "Five-O," either. This pedestrian series co-stars Nia Peeples — Arsenio's ex — as Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes. She dinged an eye in a surfing accident. Yea, right. And da kine Andy Bumatai plays another surfer; his character, "Pipeline," speaks a pidgin English that's a bad parody of the

Puzzle Answers



real thing.
This is a cross between "Five-O" and "Baywatch." Bettah, bruddah, you go Hawaii you own self. Cool head main t'ing: Da kine "Marker" steenks. Ow-way!

Multimedia Notes: KPIX reporter Manny Ramos was over at Santa Rosa's Channel 50 to try to file his report on the flooding Russian River — that is, until lightning hit that station's transmitter and knocked it off the air, forcing a change in plans ... My observation about PG&E sending workers home at night while thousands of people were still without power — angry workers told me it was to save overtime pay — got big play up workers told me it was to save overtime pay — got big play up in Sonoma County on KSRO Radio, where I do a show. It sparked an angry public reaction that continues as I write this. The station's phone lines were jammed with angry PG&E customers all last week, and the Public Utilities Commission has already received more than twice the number of complaints about the utility's slow service than it got from here during the record 1986 floods ... A PG&E flack still insists the workers are being sent home for safety, and not for monetary reasons

Meanwhile, up in Fort Bragg,

monetary reasons

Meanwhile, up in Fort Bragg, which was also hit heavily by the storm, it's a far different situation, reports well-known Bay Area radio reporter Joe Regelski, Alex Bennett's old newsman who also did news on the now-defunct KKCY and "Double-99."
Regelski is now news.director of KOZT in Fort Bragg, and he says, "Our PG&E area manager has acted completely differently. They've spent over \$2 million They've spent over \$2 million here to get people's power restored, and there's no doubt

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these guys are working all night... Meanwhile, East Bay native/ KPFA music-show host/R&B

KPFA music-show host/R&B living legend Johnny Otis reports the storm brought a tree down onto the house at his Sebastopol ranch. Otis chuckles, "My wife, Phyllis, must have set some kind

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of sprint record running out of the house when that tree hit." No major damage, fortunately

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Lettermania: Dave Letterman reports that the cold and flu season has been cancelled by a strike, Judge Lance Ito has

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sequestered his beard, and that the slogan of the former Veep's upcoming presidential campaign will be: "Dan Quayle — The Other White Meat." And Aaron Barnhart, who puts out a Letterman newsletter on the Internet, passes along this

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Internet, passes along this

interesting "Late Show" to "The Ed Sullivan Theatre reports, "has no blue stag like on 'Late Night' at M CBS had fake ones install Open them and they lead nowhere." Like CBS' new

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Stand-off with EC police ends with arrest of troubled resident

EL CERRITO — A 48-year-old man was taken in for psychiatric evaluation last week after a standman was taken in for psychiatric evaluation last week after a standoff with police in the 1100 block of Liberty that lasted many hours. The entire incident was concluded with no harm coming to anyone; officers spent a significant amount of time and effort trying to ensure that, said Commander Jay Clark.

According to Clark, the man's agitated emotional state was first reported to the department by his parents. They had been trying to help him, Clark said, when he pushed his father down and brandished a gun.

He later refused entry to the police. The "veiled threats" he made,

lice. The "veiled threats" he made, said Clark, seemed to indicate that

been seeking a police-assisted sui-cide," said Clark. "The worst thing we could have done would be to

hurry that."

Instead, officers did what they could to protect both the man and the community.

Surrounding blocks were closed off for a time after the incident began at about 6 p.m. Sunday evening, Jan. 8. They were later reopened after there was no indication that the man planned to harm anyone else. (The area would likely have been closed off again had officers decided to force entry, Clark said.)

time to trace down helpful contacts in order to establish better communications with him. Among them was his attorney. It was the attorney who convinced him by phone that he wouldn't be harmed if he let in the police and then came himself to the residence.

"We made phone calls rather than forcing a showdown." Clark said.

"We made phone calls rather than forcing a showdown," Clark said. The Richmond Police Department provided assistance through their hostage negotiations team. The man came out at about 1 p.m. Monday afternoon. Police had obtained a search warrant for the home; several wearen were discovered.

King's challenge taken to heart in El Cerrito

This past monday we honored Dr. Martin Luther King. The City declared this a holiday a few years ago, joining with most of the country in celebrating his birth. I think it is important that we in El Cerrito celebrate this day because we are such a diverse community. Some years ago an article appeared in the paper following analysis of census results and pointed out that El Cerrito ranked 13th in the state among cities for its diversity of peoples, races, and cultures.

On Monday, Jan. 16, the city held its parade in honor of Dr. King. This is not a big glitzy affair, but a small cozy gathering of the people of El Cerrito, which makes it all the more enjoyable for me. At the gathering a the Community Center after the parade I made the following remarks, which I would like to share with you.

By Norman LaForce

El Cerrito



"We celebrate the birth of a cood man, who sought to do good

works.

"We celebrate his courage and the courage of others from the three young freedom riders to the little children who died in the

Inttle children who died in the church bombing to all who fought for civil rights in this country.

"When I think of Dr. King and read his words I am struck by the very personal challenge he made to us all. He told each of us that we must make a personal transformation for us to reach the land of his Dreams.

of his Dreams.
"While much is yet to be done, while we wait for many in this country to begin that journey of transformation, to have that epiphany, I think we make a mistake to forget how much we have accomplished and how fortunate we are to live in this country. country.
"All around us we read and

hear about ethnic cleansing, genocide, religious wars, and the brutal killing of people solely because they belong to one race, tribe, or ethnic group. We are not Bosnia-Hercegovinia, Russia, Ruwanda, or Cambodia under Pol Pot, to name a few choice spots.

"We have our Constitution with its defects, our culture with its bloody past, and oursevles with all our imperfections to thank for living without such strife in the largest and most diverse of the multi-ethnic and multi-cultural countries in the world.

world.
"But above all, our success is because of a leader like Dr. King. King who told us through is words and deeds that we can do better, that we can live and work together and that we can love each other. And today we celebrate his birth and honor that call."

EC Library seeks Homework Helpers

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the El Cerrito Library, the El Cerrito Community Center, and the after-school recreation program, "Walk on the Wild Side," at one elementary school.

Volunteers would be expected

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Blotter -

Continued from page 2 been reported stolen out of Ber-keley earlier on this day. It was released to the owner at

was released to the owner at the scene.

• Unknown thieves broke into an '88 Honda parked on the 800 block of Kains Avenue between 5:00 p m. Jan. 9 and 7 a.m. January 10, stole about 12 tapes and departed unseen.

• A Hayward man was stopped when he was observed driving an '86 Pontiac on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue with his lights out at about 2 a.m. on Jan. 13. A routine check revealed he had an extensive history of driving without a license.

He was found to be in possible to the scene.

out a license.

He was found to be in possession of stolen property and showed signs of being under

the influence. He was arrested for being under the influence of narcotics and for driving under the influence. His vehicle was towed.

• On the morning of Jan. 13 a subject described as a white male, 17 to 18 years old, five feet ten inches tall, weighing 150 pounds, with blond hair, a nose ring, and wearing dark clothing, entered a store on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue and attempted to purchase three bottles of 40 ounce beer. When asked for an ID he fled, with the beer.

Unknown thieves broke into a car parked on the 1000 block of Key Route Bouievard on the afternoon of Jan.13, stole property and attempted to break the steering wheel

lock. They were unsuccessful and departed unseen.

On the afternoon of Jan.

• On the afternoon of Jan. 13 Albany officers stopped a Vallejo man for a routine traffic stop on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue and found he had an outstanding warrant from Alameda County in the amount of \$953. He was arrested and cited to be released.

• Unknown thieves gained entry to the rear of an apart-ment complex on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue on the night of Jan.13 and used a pry tool to remove the hasp and locks from numerous storage lockers. They per-formed a selective prowl of the lockers stealing camping equipment and tools.

Local teacher found her life's work by accident

Debra Amerson found her life's work quite by accident, when her mother saw an advertisement in the paper and thought that Debra might be interested. She was.

There were many happy results of the right person getting the right job. She found that she liked people as well as plants, and here she had both. She built relationships with managers and owners, and began to build a reputation for herself.

After a little over a year she moved to a job with one of the largest interior plant companies in the East. Again she was trained with one of the top people in the profession, and then she, again, was on her own. This time she worked with mega corporations. Her people skills, as well as her plant skills, allowed her to advance quickly — and it had to be quick, since the company was moving.

"I was maturing," she says, "And it was time to return to school." She told her parents, and they said, "Sorry. We offered the first time, now you're on your own."

on your own."

So, while working for a small company, Debra enrolled in a community college as a television major. She also took an extra job managing the plants in the cafeteria.

Through a friend she got a job in TV, while opening her own business called Progressive Plantscapes, Inc. She started with pizza parlors, and grew with real estate agents, food services and restaurants. She bought a van, hired a bookkeeper and accountant and moved to a larger space — and didn't have time to go to school, so she dropped out again.

The business grew to such a size that she had to incorporate. She made money, traveled, and enjoyed a relationship for seven years. Then came a review period.

Debra had traveled to Hawaii often, stopping in the Bay Area each time. "I became fond of San Francisco, and during my review I decided to relocate." In 1990 she sold her business, took a



Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

month traveling across the country, camping everywhere, and having a wonderful time. Knowing no one in the Bay Area, she we into business here, but in a different way. So want employees or a big corporation. "I wa interested in empowering others with the she needed to nurture and grow plants and devel connection with nature."

interested in empowering others with the sess needed to nurture and grow plants and develonancetion with nature."

Thus was born Plantris Productions. It expasses many things. She gives workshops (whow I met her) does award winning plants, does plants for special events, commercial businesses, film, video and photo shoots.

And they are award winning. In 1992, sk areceived the Grand Installers Award from the California Interior Landscape Association fainstalling plants inside Whole Foods Market Valley. In 1993 Interiorscape Magazine sheher alternative teaching methods combining and visual art. And now they awarded her albest Project award for her design and instalnan English garden wedding.

And now Debra Amerson, in addition to this, is planning to use her technical knowled her plant knowledge to create a CD Rom, wicalls an Edutainment vehicle for people to leabout plants, "to incorporate all the things! people and plants, tying in the media, using computer at home or at school." Part of it, a will be an interactive game about plants.

She talked more about her CD Rom, but is still in the working stage, she didn't want out any more information.

Oh, yes, she did return to school again, at received a Master of Arts in Business from California Institute of Integral Studies, whis stresses a new way of doing business: with environmental concerns.

Interesting. When I have her up to compe

environmental concerns.

Interesting. When I have her up to comple redo my house and balcony plants, I'll let yo how that comes out.

As noted, I met Debra when she gave a win house plants. That's when I decided I had anew. Completely.

Debra Amerson and Plantris Productions a reached by calling 466-5971.

As always, I invite all of you to give myour input: interesting people, events, organization.

And if you did contact me with suggestions in I have not followed up, please write or call map I lost several in my recent reorganization.

Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #44, lli
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Letters -

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Clearly the Albany City
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violated the California
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to as a "full-disclosure law".

Our City Council and city staff maintain that because Measure F had to be submitted to the voters—because of Measure C—it is somehow

exempt from CEQA. This could not be farther from the

truth.

Measure C was a citizen initiative approved by Albany voters in 1990. Measure C provided that the citizens of Albany have the FINAL approval regarding any development proposal on the waterfront. Measure C is an indication of how much we care about our spectacular waterfront. Measure C did not in any way remove CEQA, and it cannot change the state laws. What Measure C did do is ADD ONE MORE STEP to the planning process.

ADD ONE MORE STEP to the planning process.

I invite everyone, especially environmentalists and active supporters of Measure F, to pay careful attention and keep an open mind to these issues. I also recommend we follow the example of Dario Meniketti, an Albany resident who has not missed a City Council meeting in 23 years, and start attending council meetings beginning with the next one, Feb. 6, 8 p.m. at City Hall.

David Arkin

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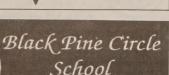
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fact, his work in the assembly different what he has been doing for the 5 years. The difference would stead of directly implement-ojects to better people's lives, buld be writing policy which mpact them in a broader way. me of Friedman's work expendence includes founding one nonincludes founding one non-agency that served disabled and their parents and work-another to train managers to

As executive director of the Oak-As executive director of the Oak-land-based Plant Closure Project, Friedman worked to retain local manufacturing jobs and as staff to the Alameda County Economic Development Advisory Board, Friedman worked to enhance the local economy and create jobs. Al-though he has never held elected office. Friedman is no stranger to though he has never held elected office, Friedman is no stranger to politics. He worked as aide to Supervisor Don Perata for three years and is now chief of staff for Supervisor Wilma Chan who took Perata's place on the board.

One of Friedman's first goals in the Assembly would be developing the economy in order to create jobs. Surprisingly, there is no assembly committee that focuses on economic development, and creating one

committee that focuses on economic development, and creating one would be one of his first priorities.

Economic development is not a foreign field to the aspiring assemblymember, who has both formal schooling and work experience that addresses the topic.

formal schooling and work experience that addresses the topic.

He earned a Masters' degree, from the University of Phoenix in management, human relations, and organizational behavior. He honed his entrepreneurial skills, he says, having founded nonprofit agencies, hired staff, met payrolls, and paid

policy projects.

"We set out to use the planning process that had been going on for about five years in West Berkeley to develop a plan that would protect manufacturing jobs at the same time as protecting the environment," Friedman said.

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Friedman said.

By bringing together the ministers, neighborhood organizations, environmental groups and labor unions to work with developers and business interests, they were able to "develop a plan that everyone could get behind."

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Along those lines he is now working to create a community development bank, an institution in which local government, religious, nonprofit and businesses will invest and also deposit their funds.

Unlike other banks, this bank will lend money locally and "focus specifically on job creation, both in expanding existing businesses and

specifically on job creation, both in expanding existing businesses and starting up new businesses," Friedman said. It will have a technical assistance arm that will help businesses prosper and grow. Economic development and job creation are directly related to another issue Friedman wants to tackle—crime prevention.

- crime prevention.
"I'm fully convinced that the

tunities for positive sense of be-longing to the community," Friedman said.

His time teaching writing at ju-venile hall gave Friedman experi-ence with youth offenders and what they need.

Kids have a lot inside them and they really appreciate the chance to express themselves verbally rather

than through anger or anti-social behavior," Friedman said. In Sacramento, he plans to advo-cate funding for social programs, and community policing rather than

and community policing rather than prisons.

Friedman is an idealist — somewhat like Sandra, the child in the book he penned over 10 years ago who "gazes with wonder at the bright shining stars," trying to comprehend what is beyond her grasp.

"I think some of the qualities I bring to political life, and public life, are humility, and the understanding that I don't have the answers," Friedman said. "I bring the understanding that I have some very unique skills, but I don't have all the skills needed — so I bring together groups of people and we work together to find the answers."

That could lead one to wonder how this author-turned-politican's humble persona will fare in the sometimes brutal Sacramento scene or even how this soft-spoken man will manage if he finds himself in the middle of a rough-and-tumble assembly race.

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the sharks?" Friedman joked when
asked if he could handle the cutasked if he could handle the cultivate political game. "Progressives in Sacramento are endangered species — I can play hard-ball when I have to," he said.

Demonstrating that his idealism will not get in the way of practicality, the political neophyte already



Mark Friedman, also an author, brings years of community work to his candidacy.

work to his candidacy.

He has begun to raise money and says he will raise \$200,000 before the race is over. His mentor, former Alameda County Supervisor Don Perata, who lost his race for State Controller in June, but who helped Mayor Elihu Harris in his victorious bid for second term as mayor, is advising him on his campaign — at least in its initial stages.

Despite his assertions of toughness, Friedman, like the character Sandra he created, is a star-gazer—grasping to understand things beyond his reach.

But while the idealist reaches for the sky, political observers will note Friedman's feet are planted solidly on the ground

on the ground.

And definitely pointed northeast to Sacramento.

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-MARK FRIEDMAN

As director of the Plant Closure

As director of the Plant Closure Project Friedman tried to save manufacturing jobs but understood the limits of his mission.

"What I found at the Plant Closure Project was that by the time we got involved it was too late," Friedman said. "Corporate decisions had already been made, either locally or sometimes in other parts of the country or other parts of the world."

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As a result he developed a "proactive approach of bringing people together around economic development issues." elopment issues.

development issues."

Bringing people together to create jobs was what Friedman did as vice president of the West Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corporation. At WBNDC he worked on economic development and

only long-term solution (to crime) is a broad program of economic opportunity, education, vocational training and providing more oppor-

Upcoming meetings

Albany Bicycle Advisory Committee

The newly formed Albany Bicycle Advisory Committe will hold its second meeting Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Albany Community Center located on Marin Avenue at Masonic Street.

At its first meeting Dec. 14 the committee discussed a proposal to increase outreach to local schools

on the benefit of smog-free transportation as well as a proposal to establish a bicycle training/education program for children.

Also discussed was the formation of a master plan for the May 4 "Bike to Work/School Day," which will be the committee's first undertaking.

or Bruce Mast at 527-2284

Albany Waterfront
Committee
The Albany Waterfront Committee will tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Albany Library Conference Room at 1247 Marin Ave.
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On the agenda, the committee will hear comments on its proposal for Albany's portion of the Eastshore State Park and will re-

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Love Story: It's my sad duty to report that Santa Claus died earlier this month.

His real name was Bill Handley, but longtime Berkeleyans will remember him as the guy in the Santa suit who used to collect for the Free Clinic on Shattuck, Solano, and Telegraph. And they'll remember him as a man who always had a kind word for everybody.

word for everybody.

Nobody had seen him for a while, so his friend
Marvin Sanders let himself into Handley's house
and discovered the body. He had been dead for
several days.

According to the autopsy, he died of natural causes. But according to his friends, Santa died of a broken heart.

a broken neart.
"He was never the same after his wife, Corky, died about five years ago," says Michael Diehl, the Free Clinic's street collections coordinator.
"He got thinner and thinner and more and more

'He never accepted the fact that she died," adds Berkeley Councilwoman Linda Maio, a longtime neighbor. "He always talked about her as if she

Berkeley Councilwoman Linda Maio, a longtime neighbor. "He always talked about her as if she were still alive."

(By the way, Corky was quite a character in her own right. Every year, just before Christmas, Handley would show up at the Free Clinic with a box full of mittens that Corky had knitted for the street collectors to wear in the cold weather.)

Handley's friends tried to help him get his life back together, but he was a very proud man.

"He had a strong ethical sense," says Maio.
"He wouldn't even let me contribute to the clinic through him, because he didn't want to take advantage of our friendship. I always had to give through other people."

There will be a memorial service for this gentle man at 7:30 p.m. Monday at 1821 Delaware St. And in lieu of flowers, what more appropriate tribute could there be than a contribution to the Free Clinic in his name? Its address: 2339 Durant, Berkeley 94704.

Scam Warning: This message just arrived from a friend in the Berkeley Fire Department: "There is an organization making telephone solicitations on behalf of some company that claims to provide fire-fighting training for a youth organization. The solicitor asks you to place a check underneath your door mat for UPS to pick

up.
"This is a scam. Please advise your readers that the Berkeley Fire Fighters Association and its state-affiliated firefighter organizations are not involved. Besides, the Berkeley Fire Fighters Association does not recommend placing checks underneath your door mat for any organization.
"If you are solicited, please request an address to forward the check to. And report if to the Berkeley Police Department at 644-6746."

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun: Are you a

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun: Are you a woman who loves music, but you're too busy to pursue it? The Community Women's Orchestra might be just the thing for you.

I first met this remarkable group about a month ago, and I was amazed that something as common-sensical as this exists. The members are janitors, lawyers, librarians, carpenters, translators, environmentalists — just about every walk of life. They get together once a week to practice, and several times a year they give concerts (including works by female composers). And being a women's organization, it's blessedly free of the hierarchical nonsense that goes on in some men's groups. For instance, there are no dues and no auditions. "Anyone who wants to play can play," says French horn player Leah Norwood, a computer programmer from Kensington.

Another example: "This is the first time I've ever had a conductor smile at me!" marvels Nancy Park of Oakland, a member of the self-proclaimed "Kick-Ass Cello Section."

If you know a woman with a hankering to play, tell her to call 601-7159. They're recruiting new members right now.

Wascally Wabbit: Guess who's the latest gay

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Bugs Bunny!
So says a new book titled "Images in the Dark: an Encyclopedia of Gay and Lesbian Film and Video." As evidence, it claims Bugs (a lifelong bachelor, by the way) often "danced in his films in drag and danced or kissed or even married his male opponent."

in drag and danced of stockers and a male opponent."

I don't know if it's true or not. But it sure gives new meaning to the phrase, "What's up, Doc?"

Meanwhile, guess who's the latest writer to make his debut in a gay and lesbian magazine?

The magazine is called "LifeStyle." The editor called and asked me to write profiles of five people the magazine is saluting as heroes of the year.

year.

I had no problem with that. It gave me the chance to interview some very interesting people.

My only misgiving was that I'm not gay.

Which I told the editor.

"Hey," she replied, "what you do in the privacy of your bedroom is of no concern to me!"

We've all come a long way, baby.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the Journal. Phone Martin at 273-9543. Or E-mail him at Snapp@BMUG.org, AOL address: CATMAN 666.

Dream -

Continued from front page the Dream." Does Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream truly live on?

uly live on?

Burdette Green, a Chabot College student who ame from Hayward to march in the parade, feels the vil rights movement has come a long way since ing's time, "because of the simple fact that there is a rarde in El Cerrito and not in a black majority comunity. Look at the number of people here," she said. munity. Look at the number of people here," she said.
"There is a variety of races marching here, and this is
what King wanted to do."

What king wanted to do.

Green's colleague Marc Zimmerman from Moraga feels differently. "In Moraga," he said, "you would not find this happening. There is not an understanding among the races and others' experiences."

Zimmerman recalls the time white pressure forced a newly arrived black family out of his neighborhood. Though this was 15 years ago, adds Zimmerman, "The resistence still remains.

1994 leaves numerous scars of racism despite the years that have passed since the days of King and his peaceful coalition. The assault of Rosa Parks in her home in Michigan, coupled with the Denny's Restau-

rant chain's scrupulous scrapes with racism, and California's proposition 187 are just a few of the steps backwards that the civil rights movement must now attempt to compensate for.

Some steps forward, however, do gain recognition. Now in its fourth year, the parade itself attests to the advancement of the civil rights movement. "This parade used to take the backroads up to the community center," said parade participant, Reverend Gary Collins, pastor at the St. Peter C.M.E. Church. "Since last year, we have been marching on a more visible street.

Susan Liebermann, a teacher in Hayward who carried a portrait of King with her in the parade, feels that not enough is being done to combat racism.

"There is such an increase in violence among chil-

not enough is being done to combat racism.

"There is such an increase in violence among children," she said. "I think Dr. King would be working with young people. Young people today don't have a vision for the future. They need one."

The parade meandered three quarters of a mile from the Department of Motor Vehicles to the El Cerrito Community Center, where speakers, singers, Native American dancers and special guests did their part to celebrate Dr. King's honor. celebrate Dr. King's honor. San Francisco Giant Darryl Strawberry responded

to the overall feeling that the future is in the

to the overall reem, the children.

"Our kids are our future. Maybe some out there won't have to go through what berry had to go through. I stand up here to I had a vision. My vision was to look a problems start in today's youth. If they a drugs, they're selling drugs," Strawberry that he wanted to give back to the compromoted "Strawberry Patch," his drug with prevention project.

youth prevention project.

Kito Lundy, a 17-year-old at El Cascolo Said she is thankful for a day of tea

and celebration for King.

"Its a good day to listen to people ar

she said.

The event, sponsored by the EI Cem.
N.A.A.C.P., the EI Cerrito Human Relation and St. Peter C.M.E. Church, Collins is more than just a celebration.

"This day is for all people. The different tations of people that are marching in this put the dream alive. He would still have a muthere is much we need to do," Collins said

Middle

Continued from front page any further mitigations deemed necessary after sche-matic drawings are complete can be carried out through the district public review process, district officials

"It's the difference between the school board as a "It's the difference between the school board as a public agency and a private developer. Our mission is clear under the law. A private developer may be cutting corners and trying to short change the mitigations, but as a public agency we're responsible to the public rather than share holders," Board Vice President Allan Riffer said.

In particular, the district's declaration lists nearly a dozen impacts, along with mitigations to the sur-

dozen impacts, along with mitigations, to the sur-rounding area. Impacts that have born public comment to date include:

to date include:

• Loss of potential Cerrito Creek development. No specific plans for the creek have been adopted, but the declaration states that retention and/or development of an open creek may not be feasible due to flood and safety concerns. Determination will be made through collaboration with Albany and El Cerrito planning departments. departments

departments.

• School access. School access locations have yet to be determined, but will likely affect foot and vehicular traffic. The declaration states that access can be designed to accommodate traffic in an efficient and

Vehicular and pedestrian safety. It is suggested that widening sidewalks along the school's frontage to allow for pedestrian and bike traffic, along with other measures to slow down traffic, will offset potential

impacts.

Noise levels. It is suggested that alternative hours should be considered for use of the play fields to limit early morning usage.

In addition, those at last week's meeting said it is impossible to determine what other impacts might result from the project without architectural plans and there is a fear that once the declaration is approved the district will not be legally bound to address those.

Speaking for the city of El Cerrito, City Planner Ed Phillips said referral of such issues beyond the environmental process flies in the face of CEQA's intentions.

"It's not the city's purpose to delay this process by we have identified impacts to property in the immed

ate area.

"We'd like to do this in a way that will work for (the district) but without CEQA there's no leverage. We don't see the incentive for the school district to deal with these issues once the negative declaration is

whit these issues office the hegative destination passed," Phillips said.

School Board members and district staff, however, disagree with that analysis and offered assurances the district, as a public agency, is bound to follow

through on mitigation measures deemed n
"There will be opportunities as we move
review and have comments and have an opp

review and have comments and have an oppose as about these design issues. This is no step involving the public," Riffer said.

In addition, the district will not receive carry out specific architectural designs until is approved by the State Department of it which could take up to a year.

The future of Cerrito Creek is another issue concern for local environmentalists.

El Cerrito Mayor Norman La Force, specificated to the wants to make district doesn't rule out the option of developen creek on the site.

"Open creeks provide a nurturing environmentalists and the site."

"This could be used as an excellent hand."

This could be used as an excellent hand

ratory for students at the school," La Forces that funds may be available through the Util Restoration Program.
School Board President Peggy Thomse did other board members, that the idea may ing but can't be accepted outright.
"I see the points and tend to agree with

how would we address safety issues for and overflow when there's heavy rains?

Arrest-

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In addition, since it's "likely they didn't report the income from the fencing activity" in order to pay taxes, he said, the IRS became involved. Those arrested had interests in at least six markets and liquor stores in Richmond, San Pablo and El Cerrito and are suspected of receiving goods they believed to be stolen and laundering them through the other businesses.

According to the ABC, one of that agency's undercover investigators delivered 18 cases of various brands and types of alcholic beverages and \$10,000 worth of food stamps to Saif, who purchased the property at half its value. He was arrested on the spot, triggering the roundup of the other suspects, Shamsaldeen Ghaleb, a resident of El Cerrito, and Hezam Elzofri of San Pablo.

"Booze and cigarettes (used in the sting) were found at the other stores," said Clark. A gold wrist watch and

VCRs were also reported to have been sold to one of the operators by an investigator. The items had been marked for identification.

for identification.

The suspects were taken into custody Tuesday, Jan.
10, after an investigation that started in July.

Establishments raided by officers included the Five
Crown Market and Rumrill Food and Liquor in San
Pablo, Family Market, Barrett Avenue Market and
Fourth Street Market in Richmond, and D's Bottle

Taking part in the sweep of the stores were investigators from the ABC, detectives and officers of the El Cerrito, Richmond and San Pablo police departments, and agents of the Office of the Inspector General representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture and

According to Clark, cooperation is common in the

"The image of a security guard is very troubling," said Mary Jo Cittadino, who worked on the Measure N campaign in 1994.

Measure N, which passed last June, called for a \$42 per parcel tax. The projected revenue from that source is being used to bring library services back to normal in the wake of decreased state and county funds.

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in the wake of decreased state and county funds. Ironically, the tax measure was a mixed blessing for the library. After budgeting for 33 hours of full services, the seven-member advisory board found they had a surplus of tax funds, \$15,000 at the low estimate. The surplus has become a battleground between circulation-only advocates who envision the need for this type of set-up in the future and proponents of the current system, who say staff downsizing and a reduction in service levels would inevitably result.

When Councilmember Robert Good, who is also a member of the Library Board, first introduced the circulation-only concept some six months ago, library workers and Alameda County Library system management began a series of meet and confer sessions to iron out the staffers concerns.

In one of those meetings, the proposal was amended

region.
"It's an everyday event," he said. "This pened on a little larger scale — we had more Everybody worked closely together,

"Everybody worked closely together, and made some impact."
Clark was particularly appreciative of the tions made by Lieutenant Mike Tye and On Duncan of the Richmond P.D. who provided support" in communciations, transportational aspects of the sting operation.

Besides facing possible state and federal charges, all of the licensees are expected administrative action by ABC, which may real loss of the liquor licenses. USDA administrations are also expected to be taken against owners.

Library-

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"It looks as though they have come up with a way to deliver a level of service for a lower cost," he said.

Under Rockwell's initiative, a total of 7 employees will staff the library between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. Both a librarian and an assistant librarian will be available during those hours. Circulation-only hours began to look less appealing to council and the public when it became apparent that the difference between staffing the library for those four hours as circulation-only compared to hours which included librarian assistance was minimal.

Under the circulation-only package, the cost would have been \$11,238 — a price tag which includes the cost of hiring a security guard to patrol the building plus five non-librarian staffers. The bill for Rockwell's proposal comes up to \$12,723 and pays for five support staff, one librarian, and one assistant.

From the debate at last Tuesday's meeting, it was clear that the extra \$1,485 was much less of an issue than was concern over the form the circulation-only hours proposal had taken.

Among the issues, many library patrons said they were not comfortable with having a security guard in the library.

"To me, the friendliness of the library is lost when

20 to 24 screens and 350 on-site parking spaces. A letter from AMC indicates they believe the proposal is economically sound and will provide a strong retail anchor for the area.

The timing of the competing proposals was coincidental, said Raycraft. Oewel is just at that point in the process of negotiating with several theatre developers. John Stewart, he said, may have to some extent been waiting for the results of November's redevelopment

vote, in that his group anticipates the need for agency

assistance in the project.

There have been two previous development proposals for the Mayfair site. Neither developer could ultimately secure financing for their proposed projects.

Mayfair-

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According to County Librarian Linda Wood, union representatives for the Albany library employees said reduced staffing levels during circulation-only hours called for the added presence of a security guard. But it was that very addition that caused the most concern Tuesday evening "To me, the friendliness of the library is lost when you have a security guard greeting children instead of a librarian," said Rockwell. Many residents aggreed with his predictions.

In one of those meetings, the proposal was a

Ouick to defend their proposal, Library Board members said services of a security guard would be employed only if the situation required it.

Good pointed out that the \$2,288 for a security guard would be credited to the city if the library staff felt a guard was not necessary.

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Under Rockwell's option, no security g

Under Rockwell's option, no security gube necessary.

"What you get is a librarian and an assistance of a security guard," said Rockwell.

"The real question here is, "What kind off we really want, one with a security guard of a librarian?" he added.

Wood pointed out a caveat to Rockwell which has come to be known as a "fuller" at than circulation-only, if not entirely "full" "We can't guarantee the level of service hours like we do for the other 33 hours be haven't budgeted for any back-up," Woods Library Boardmember Bill Cain said cause potentially severe understaffing if an employees are sick on any given day.

But those concerns paled under the bara cism leveled at the circulation-only hours at Albany's libet and the learned the learned the learned cism leveled at the circulation-only hours at Albany's libet and the learned the learned the learned cism leveled at the circulation-only hours at Albany's libet and the learned the learned the learned the learned the learned cism leveled at the circulation-only hours at Albany's libet and the learned the

The circulation-only proposal. The circulation-only hours at Albany's libtor have been the first such hours in the county "We are in a time of diminishing resource have to look at the options," urged Larry lochair of the board. "If not now, when?"

Both Wood and the Library Board had how the next six-month period as a testing growth.

Both Wood and the Library Board had my the next six-month period as a testing grow! set-up, which would be evaluated by both it system and city-level groups.

But David Seagal spoke for other membe audience when he said, "I don't like the ideal experimenting with my tax dollars."

Councilmember Elizabeth Baker, who vole the proposal, cautioned in the final vote, "We

to council memoer Eurzabeth Baket, where the proposal, cautioned in the final vote, "by postponing an opportunity to gather informal it could be far more painful later on."

The council directed Wood to draft a new amendment for council review as soon as pt

Fees-

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Residents currently pay between \$7 and \$12 per month for weekly garbage services. Higher rates are charged for the 32 gallon can as compared with the smaller 20 gallon can is roughly \$10.
With the increases, residents will now pay between \$2 and \$13.

88 and \$13.
Waste Management of Alameda County is allowed a rate increase application every two years.

The company must submit its yearly guapplication to the Joint Refuse Rate Review tee. The body was formed over 20 years agoby County cities and agencies that have garbage agreements with Waste Management. The committee hired the firm of Deloitte to review Waste Management operations rates reflect the firm's recommendations.

East Bay Events This Week



rew Palmer, right, plays codebreaker Alan Turing, h Miller is Turing's associate, in 'Breaking the Code.'

B presents drama of WW II espionage

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley is presenting Hugh Whitemore's auking the Code, the story of the brilliant cryptologist Alan Turing, ing broke Germany's "Enigma Code" during World War II. Break-the Code, which Time called an "elegant and poignant play," is sed on Andrew Hodges' book Alan Turing; The Enigma. eAB's production opens tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Live Oak Theatre, 1 Shattuck Ave. (at Berryman), Berkeley. It plays Fridays and Saturist through Feb. 18, plus one Thursday performance, on Feb. 16. mission is \$8 (with some discounts). Call 528-5620 for reservations.

BS opens with Beethoven's Ninth

The Oakland East Bay Symphony opens its 1995 "classical is season" tomorrow with a performance of Beethoven's Symphony 9. OEBS music director Michael Morgan will conduct the lestra, which will be joined by the Oakland Symphony Chorus the California State University, Hayward Singers. The ists will be soprano Jennifer Green, mezzo-soprano Sally nro, tenor Julian Levant and bass David Tigner. The program includes Crosscurrents by local composer Anthony M. Kelley.

The concert, at 8 p.m. Friday, is at the Paramount Theatre. Tickets \$10 to \$30. Tickets for the four-concert season are \$32 to \$96. Call 1640.

he concert will be repeated at 3 p.m. Sunday at the University The-lat Cal State Hayward. Tickets are \$18 and can be charged by call-881-4299.

ffé Mediterraneum more entertaining

laffé Mediterraneum, the Telegraph Avenue landmark that aed in 1957, is hoping to become a center for art and music as well alk. On Sunday from noon to 8 p.m., the cafe launches several thits, with poetry and music.

the exhibits are of drawings and paintings by Guy Colwell, Judy is and Demaris Brown and photographs by Patrick Gagne.

3:30 p.m., Laura Nimr will perform original music; at 4:30 p.m., ste Howard will be play classical piano music; at 6:30 p.m., Vinograd will read poetry.

affé Mediterraneum is on Telegraph Avenue between Haste Street Dwight Way. Call 644-9819 or 204-9678 for more details.

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erkeley Symphony—

rench flutist dazzles 1 several styles

The orchestral play 'Heldenleben' was orchestral playing en miraculous.

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Hocky Leplin
The orchestra asked me to k to you tonight," Kent ano's voice quavered through icrophone, and the audience st out laughing. Nagano's ite timing is as sharp as his he had laryngitis. This did stop him, before the music ted in BSO'S Zellerbach cont of January 11, from alging in a whimsical monous.

Music

is purpose was to introduce e most famous flutist in ace," Philippe Bernold, the energy soloist, and obviously a Nagano commented upon tral of Bernold's exemplary ional traits. As a mark of his st's independence, Nagano nted out that at his first arsal with the Lyon Orchestra ary years ago, Bernold was they member wearing a black her jacket and sunglasses.

Nagano's championing of ng, rising artists as well as music exemplifies his easy sitions between two worlds: in the front wave of what is

novel and daring, the other steeped in the titanic music of the past. This is no inconsistency, for the more their works ran against the grain of entrenched opinion, the harder great composers had to fight for every inch of ground they could gain in the face of complacency and intolerance.

For each of his concerts, Nagano tries to offer something that is vital and fresh from both the present and the past. Bernold opened the concert with Pierre Boulez's ...explosante/fixe...

opened the concert with Pierre Boulez's ... explosante/fixe... (explosive/static). I am no partisan of Boulez and his experiments, but this piece surprised me. For one thing, it gave Bernold a chance to exhibit staggering virtuosity within the first few bars, which were filled with flutter-tongued 32nds and leaps of two octaves without breaking stride.

The piece's phrases each

The piece's phrases each began with an impact that died away. The novelty of its wide array of effects, however, remained alive. Bernold's fingers whizzed across the barrel, spinning out soft filigrees of shifting sound with dizzying speed. Light and airy, the piece was eminently French, and it is hard to imagine any traditional flute solo being quite as much fun.

[bert's Concerto for Flute and Orchestra was another vehicle for See FLUTIST on page 11 The piece's phrases each

68-year-old tradition of poetry contests

Poets' Dinner wants you to heed your muse

One evening last March at Spenger's Fish Grotto in Berkeley, some 175 poets and poetry lovers gathered for the annual Poets' Dinner.

It was the 68th year for the Poets' Dinner, the highlight of which is the awarding of prizes for poems entered in a variety of categories.

The categories include Love,

Humor, Nature, Spaces and Places, Courage, Beginnings and Endings, People, and Poet's

Contestants must be present to win, and they had driven to Berkeley from all over the region. Printed below are a few poems, mostly by East Bay poets, that won prizes or honorable mention.

CATEGORY: LOVE

Diana Walter

My Mother's Magic

My mother's magic flows under her skin, it bubbles and stirs, then released through her pen, my mother's magic casts invisible spell, with dimensional paraphrase leaps like gazelle!

My mother's magic, mmmm, sweet like perfume, like favorite lull-a-byes I hum to this tune. Embracing world peace smell this jasmine in June.
My mother's magic flows out of her pen.
It's inked by her blood from her well deep within.

CATEGORY: POET'S CHOICE

Phyllis Henry-Jordan

COYOTE THE TRICKSTER

With slim sluices of light Darting forth from his eyelids And a wafer of translucent Moon in his teeth; and with Swiftness of glances tossed over Both shoulders, he paces the Shadows of Great Basin boulders;

No fatter than a fork, Coyote the Trickster, a sinuous creature like A great winding river that both Runs and sleeps. A queer sort of One, with ampersand arms, holding Tight to the wildness that still Lies within him, Coyote, as usual, Up to his elbows in murk and in Squalor, hacking away at the Clubfoot of life, the heavy deep Tread we call Civilization. No fatter than a fork, Coyote the Tread we call Civilization

He gathers around him the wildcat And badger, his conferers the Porcupine, rabbit and fox; so deep Now their skills they've become Quite unconscious. But seldom in Time can he lick himself clean, For after each night the sun newly Arises, first timid in dawn, but Florid and fleet as the day passes on.

Once more the Coyote steals fire From the daylight to duel with the Stars in full mica moonlight; surely More fun to be had in all this than In the boring great strife that he Knows would besiege him in placing On those shoulders the heavy life.

CATEGORY: COURAGE

Phyllis Smith

CESAR

De Colores... Springtime spreads its rainbow Io arco de la primavera... of field and woodland greens, poppy orange and apple blossom white. gold mustard flowers among the burgeoning vines.

Through mist of springtime rain —or is it tears?—
I see other colors;
blue of faded jeans,
brown skin darkened by long days in the sun,
gray hair that once had been as black
as eagle wings across the crimson banner
that led the powerless toward justice.

like a snake uncoiling the message spread across the bottom of the television screen. "News bulletin: Cesar Chavez is dead..."

Small brown man, gentle, implacable, strong in a body worn with sacrifice, passionate, compassionate, whose sad eyes saw injustice and never flinched before it, who will see for us now?

You who worked the soil return to it a part of the rich dark earth where seeds will come to life and ripen into harvest.

The sun is setting now spread red across the west.

The crowd would clap its thousand hands and the chant arise: "Ce-sar! Ce-sar!" faster and faster into a formless roar and then...

Is that an eagle soaring against the sunset?

Entries for this year's contest

Entries for this year's Poets' Dinner contest must be post-marked no later than Jan. 25.

Cash prizes are offered. No fee is asked by this long-estab-lished grass-roots effort to encourage the writing of poetry.

For the rules, send a stamped, self-addressed enve-lope to Poets' Dinner Contest, 1527 Virginia St., Berkeley 94703.

For more details, call Dorothy V. Benson at 841-1217.

CATEGORY: POET'S CHOICE

Otto Smith

MUSIC IN THE WOOD

My old violin wood remembers early tunes, its soul vibrating to harmonies of its childhood.

The prenatal trees twist and bend to storm winds. Weather-changes mold and train wood cells and grain to sounds of nature's music.

My playing gives old wood new chance to dance, vibrate, harmonize to the strings, other voices, other instruments.

The wood remembers new experience, and old, expands the quality. It sings its favorite chords lustily, hesitates on unfamiliar progressions, begs to include them in its repertoire.

After being shut away awhile the wood weeps and moans, then warms up with renewed passion to our familiar songs.

CATEGORY: SPACES AND PLACES

Peter Kunz

SLOUCHES TOWARD BETHLEHEM TO BE STEEL

I remember the Eastern Seaboard as a host of grey days

I would sit in the window of my room at boarding school watching the clouds empty of snow, looking out at the statue of St. Whatchamacallit they always put an orange bathing cap on the week before graduation

and I would hear the voice of the prefect at the door of DiAngelo's room, the whir of the soda machine on the stairwell landing

cooling the cans we would drink when our studies were over, when we had memorized the distance from the sun to Pluto and the bricks in the walls, the wax on the long brown boards of the hallways
had melted into the dark.



2,000-year-old censer

This bronze incense burner from China is an artifact of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 220) It is part of an exhibit at the University Art Museum. 'A Moveable Feast: Chinese Ceramics and Bronzes' includes 12 bronzes and over 80 ceramics ranging in date from about 3,000 B.C. through the Yuan dynasty, 4,300 years later. Many Neolithic pots, with 'rounded, robust forms and vigorous designs painted in earthenware colors' are displayed, as are a 'lively crowd of Tang dynasty (A.D. 618-907) tomb figures.' The exhibit is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. Admission is \$6 (\$4 seniors/students), but free Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The museum is at 2626 Bancroft Way, west of College Avenue. Call 642-0808 or 642-6494 for more details. The show closes in the fall.

East Bay Events continued



The group Brer Rabbit Speaks performs twice on Sunday at the Julia Morgan Theater in Berkeley.

For kids and others: 'Brer Rabbit Speaks'

The Kidshows Performing Arts Series continues Sunday with two performances by Brer Rabbit Speaks, a quartet of African-American storytellers, actors and musicians. Diane Ferlatte, Marijo, Michael Brown and Fred Ferguson perform the tales of the folktale hero Brer Rabbit. "He kept our people informed, the slave master confused; he gave people hope, inspired folks to confront the difficult task, and certainly kept life exciting." The show is accompanied by percussion instruments and by objects used by African Americans when there were no instruments.

Performances are at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday at the Julia Mor-

Performances are at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$6. To charge tickets in advance, call 943-7469.

Andrew Appel plays 'Goldberg Variations'

MusicSources Center for Historically Informed Performance presents harpsichordist Andrew Appel in a performance of Bach's Goldberg Variations. Appel is founder of the Four Nations ensemble and performed last year at the Carmel Bach Festival. The concert is at 5 p.m. Sunday at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 seniors/students). Call 528-1685 for reservations.

Domino tournament

The Hilltop Branch of Children's Hospital Branches (branches are clubs of private citizens who raise funds for the hospital) holds its 34th annual Bay Area Men's Invitational Domino Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Moraga Country Club in Moraga. Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m., play begins at 9:30 a.m. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. First-place team receives \$500; there are other prizes. Enter singly (\$60) or as a team (\$120). Reservations must be made by Wednesday, Jan. 25, by calling Mary Ann Larsen at 376-7423.

Charlie and Sandi Shoemake at Maybeck

Charlie Shoemake brings his vibraphones to the Maybeck Recital Hall at 4 p.m. Sunday. Also featured is vocalist Sandi Shoemake and Dick Whittington and Friends. "Charlie, a George Shearing alumnus, is among today's top jazz vibists. Sandi's mature and thoughtful interpretations of standards and seldom-heard tunes are always moving," writes Whittington. Admission is \$20; call 848-3228 for reservations. The Maybeck is at 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley.

Four concerts at Giorgi

The new Giorgi Concert Hall presents four concerts this weekend. Friday at 8 p.m. it's Modus Novus, an a cappella vocal quintet singing music of Elliott Carter, Hindemith, Arvo Pärt, Allen Shearer and the premiere of Ludtke's Three Motets after F. Garcia Lorca (\$7.50).

Saturday at 8 p.m. it's "A Romantic Evening of Classical Harp Music" with harpist Sarah Kaieolani Voynow and music by Spohr, Faure, Rosetti and more Hindemith (\$7.50).

Sunday at noon it's "A Tropical Festival" with solo pianist **Seth Montfort** playing Bernstein's transcription of Copland's *El Salon Mexico* and works by Villa-Lobos and Nin-Culmell (\$4.50). Sunday at 3 p.m., 6-year-old pianist **Chi Nguyen** presents a half-hour recital in the Giorgi's Outstanding Youth Musican Series (\$7.50).

The Giorgi is at 2911 Claracent Av., (2015)

The Giorgi is at 2911 Claremont Ave. (near Ashby), Berkeley. Call 849-4967 for reservations.

Wyoming folksinger at New Pieces

The New Pieces Concert Series presents **Judd Grossman**, a singer and songwriter from Jackson, Wyoming. "He plays the guitar and sings passionate songs that have a quirky outlook on life." Grossman performs at coffee houses and colleges around the country. He'll be at New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley, at 8 p.m. tomorrow. Tickets are \$8 (\$6 seniors/students). Call 527-6779 for reservations.

Daniel Glover plays 'Hexameron'

Pianist Daniel Glover plays a program that includes Beethoven's Sonata No. 22 in F Major, Op. 54; Rachmaninoff's Sonata No. 2; Andrej Dutkiewicz's Suite for Piano (1973); works by Debussy; and the famous Hexameron, a set of variations on the march from Bellini's I Puritani with variations contributed by Liszt, Chopin, Thalberg, Czerny and Pixis. Glover's recital is at 8 p.m. Saturday at Northern Fellowship Meeting House, 2138 Cedar St. (at Walnut), Berkeley. Admission is \$12 (\$8 seniors/students). Call 841-7721 for reservations.

At 7:00 p.m. 12-year-old pianist **Masha Kizhevnikova** will play music by Beethoven, Ravel and Bartok.

Vijay Iyer Trio at Yoshi's on Monday

Pianist, violinist and composer Vijay lyer will be joined by bassist Jeff Brock and drummer Brad Hargreaves for two shows Monday night at Yoshi's Nitespot. The shows are at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Yoshi's is at 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland; phone 652-9200.

Liszt specialist gives recital in Piedmont

Pianist Steven Bailey presents a recital at 4 p.m. Sunday at Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Blvd., Piedmont. Bailey, a specialist in Liszt transcriptions, has performed with the Alexander, Arlexin and Del Sol String Quartets and with the San Francisco Bach Choir. Admission is \$10. Call 530-4213 for details.

Museum panel discusses art collecting

The Oakland Museum Art Guild presents a panel discussion on "The Art of Collecting" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday in the museum's lecture hall. The cost is \$12.50. Call 930-6066 for details.

'Legends of the Fall'—

When epic treatment is out of place

The epic is possibly the oldest form of art, and every age tries its hand at producing one. It's an form of art, and every age tries its hand at producing one. It's an especial temptation of the movies, where large-scale scenery and outsized emotion have plenty of room to operate.

There have been some notable screen enics, from Birth of a

Nation to Abel Gance's Napoleon, and yes, I suppose, Gone with the Wind. It can be done but series to the suppose, The Winds of the Win done, but serious judgment is needed to decided whether the

Movies

Director Edward Zwick has miscalculated in Legends of the Fall, a relatively small-scale story that is blown up to proportions beyond what it can reasonably tolerate. The result is that a tale of pathos which should have been touching hecomes distracting and ouching becomes distracting and

The most noticeable feature of the script is that it is based on a novella by Jim Harrison. In adapting a rather brief book for the screen, Susan Shilliday and Bill Wittliff have lengthened the narrative while failing to flesh it.

narrative while failing to flesh it out. The result is a large torso that is missing vital parts: clear definition of character with credible motivation, for starters.

Col. William Ludlow (Anthony Hopkins) was an Army officer who became sickened by government treatment of native tribes in the late 19th century and retreated to his Montana ranch to retreated to his Montana ranch to raise his three sons far from war

and violence.

Separated from his wife (a nearly invisible character who plays no discernible role in the story), Ludlow and his boys live a nearly idyllic life until the youngest, Samuel (Henry Thomas), brings home his fiancee, Susannah (Julia Ormond).

Ormond).

The other two brothers, Tristan (Brad Pitt) and Alfred (Aidan Quinn) are clearly attracted to Susannah, but the bond among the three is strong enough to keep the attraction in abeyance — until after the first World War, which irrevocably alters the lives of all.

The elder Ludlow is crushed by the determination of his sons to go to war in its early stages, before U.S. involvement. This is the first blow to the house he had so carefully built on principles of

so carefully built on principles of peace and mutual love.

Samuel's death in the trenches

Auditions

Actors Ensemble

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley has roles for nine women age 25 to 45, and seven men age 25 to 35, in the 1941 musical Lady in the Dark. All roles open. Auditioners should present a 1-minute monologue and a song, either upbeat or ballad. Accompanist provided. Production runs from April 7 to May 6. April 7 to May 6.

Auditions are at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Piedmont Boys Choir

On Saturday, the Piedmont Boys Choir is auditioning boys 7 to 10 for the choir's beginning, intermediate and performing groups. Choir performs with Piedmont Girls' Choir. No experience necessary. Rehearsals are in Piedmont. Members pay tuition and uniform fees; scholarships are available. Call 547-4441 for an appointment.

Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers

Choir & Bellringers

The Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers is auditioning during January. The choir is seeking boys 7 or older with unchanged voices and prefers to audition them in the context of a rehearsal. Rehearsals in Oakland will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. tomorrow and the following Wednesday (Jan. 18 and 25) at Our Lady of Lourdes, 2808 Lake Shore Ave., Oakland.

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further crushes Ludlow, and the rivalry of the remaining sons over Susannah brings total disaster to the grieving father. He succumbs to a stroke and is left a mere shell

to a stroke and is left a mere shell of the once-proud patriarch.

Alfred and Susannah marry but find no happiness; the guilt-ridden Tristan leaves home to wander in distant places, vainly trying to subdue the demons that leave him no peace. He disappears into the wilds of the Rockies, and the fall of the house of Ludlow is complete.

A small-scale story is blown up beyond what it can reasonably tolerate.

At more than 2¹/₄ hours, the treatment of this saga is unable to sustain the dramatic impulse which would make it more than just the tale of another unhappy

What is the mystery at the heart of the Ludlow family breakup? We never know. Even with a Homeric voice-over from an Indian narrator, there is not an Indian narrator, there is not enough exposition to make actions and emotions understandable from within. In a real epic, people would talk to one another and explore their tragic destiny. Not here.

Brad Pitt, relieved of the pasty makeup from his unfortunate vampire trip, reverts to the badboy figure in which he is getting typecast. He looks healthier, but can he really do anything else?

Aidan Quinn gets the girl this time, a rarity for him, but he still has a lot to complain about. This too is an actor badly in need of a change of pace.

too is an actor badly in need of a change of pace.

Julia Ormond as the center of the story's emotional storm actually carries her part the best of all the principals. She vividly portrays a woman intent on loyalty to one lover, but torn by a terrible

conflict not of her own making. She is the one character whose plight is credible, and searing for the viewer.

the viewer.

Most disappointing is Anthony
Hopkins as the father. His opening scenes promise an interesting
complexity which never materializes. His reduction to a broken,
speechless hulk fails to awaken
sympathy. It looks like an exercise in grotesquerie that masks his
natural talent, a mistake attributable to the director more than the able to the director more than the

So the kernel of dramatic So the kernel of dramatic power in the legend is smothered by excess, not unknown in Hollywood procedures. A lot of talent went begging in this blowup because it is so hard to live by the basic truth that less is more.

tana to avoid violence. see them fight in World



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Jutist

ance astonishment. The c, an instance of Gallic backgainst late German romantiwas harmonically conservaand in traditional movement.
It was also written after the
tay of Les Six, and fairly
t of the saucy splashes of
levil wit that dominated the
But its mood was lightted, and the flute part was
n for someone with amazaccomplished fingers. An early feature of the first movement was a series of long rapid runs, in which all notes were tongued separately. Better flute players anywhere will tell you that to pull this off and keep each note distinct requires incredible technique. Bernold displayed this effortlessly, producing music that was stunning in its precision and clarity.

that was stunning and clarity.

In the warmth of the Andante, the strings sounded as if lit with an inner glow. Bernold corresponded with a butterfly-light touch in a passage of angelic sweetness. In the Allegro he per-

formed a diversity of articulations to perfection.

As the piece was written in a French manner, so did Bernold play. For an encore, he performed with BSO an arrangement of the Carmen Suite. Throughout, his playing never rose above a mezzoforte; in fact, some of the most treacherous passages of the evening were projected with a dynamic restraint that was an object lesson that music need be neither loud nor dramatic to be dazzling.

dazzling.

In a touching gesture, when
Bernold was given a bouquet of

flowers, he handed it to Janet Maestre, BSO's principal flutist.

To quote the program notes, the other major work of the evening reflected "perhaps theultimate example of the musical aesthetic that Ibert and his compatriots wanted to banish." Paul aesthetic that ibert and his compartiots wanted to banish." Paul Schiavo referred to Ein Helden-leben—A Hero's Life—by Richard Strauss. It was a striking contrast to everything that had gone before in the concert.

Whater appears were think of

Whatever anyone may think of a man who would compose an autobiographical program in which the Hero was he himself,

charge into battle.

Preceding the Hero's Battlefield were the Hero and his
theme, played with the exhilaration it invites, and his Enemies
(music critics), blatantly ridiculed
with sourly pitched, crystalline
pecks from the woodwinds and
trenchant, dark themes in the
lower strings

lower strings.

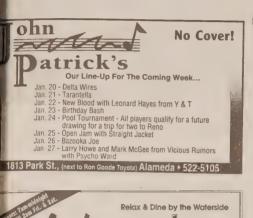
In a fine, extended solo, concertmaster Yukiko Kamei dispensed equally the felicitous and coquettish nature of the Beloved,

pushing the latter at times into the quarrelsome with chops across her strings. Her playing drew cheers when she took her bow.

Forthright trumpet fanfares launched the hero into battle. The most agonized cries came from the violins, very late in the piece, and still later from the brass above a thunderous tremolo in the lower strings—it was a long and winding road, to which the orchestra gave its all.

I have and have not heard this piece before this performance. The Berkeley Symphony is not just an orchestra. It is a miracle.

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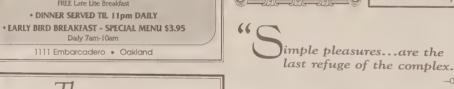


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Last June, I reported here that Heinz Steffens, restaurant manager at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel was planning to retire. His retirement, however, has been short-lived. "I'm working at the Ramada Hotel part-time as director of food and beverage," Steffens told me by phone last

week.

Anyone who has lived in the Eastbay and dined at Jack's Restaurant in the Waterfront Plaza Hotel or remembers Ducks & Co. in the Edgewater Hyatt on Hegenberger Road, has experienced Steffens' touch. Having spent over 10 years at the Hyatt location, Steffens has returned to familiar ground. The Ramada Hotel is now home to the same location. "We'll open Ducks & Co. again within a month," he added. The lounge has just reopened and has been renovated. Once a mainstay at the Blue Dolphin in San Leandro, The Move is now appearing on Friday and Saturday nights for listening and dancing in the lounge. The coffee shop and banquet operations are in full swing as well.

As for Heinz Steffens, expect to see him preparing his specialty dish, Steak Diane, in the near future. Afterall, Steak Diane and Ducks & Co. have a nice history.

SHOWTIME: "Every visitor to our bakery can watch the entire baking process and help themselves to a fresh, warm slice of bread from the bread board — absolutely free," says Denise O'Keefe. O'Keefe and her husband Tim are the owners of the Great Harvest Bread Company, the lastest addition to the Rockridge District.

What sets this company apart from the others is the opportunity to watch the bread process in action. The flour used in the whole wheat breads is stone milled fresh daily and each loaf is kneaded by hand. The health conscious should appreciate that the company focuses primarily on whole wheat breads with no added fats, oils, dairy products or preservatives.

vatives.

Stop by and bring your children. In addition to the 10 varieties of breads offered, is a delicious giant chocolate chip walnut cookie. Great Harvest Bread Company is located at 5800 College Ave. in Oakland. Bakery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday to 5 p.m.

WEEKEND SCENE: Keith Washington at Kimball's East...Danilo Friday and Romance Saturday at Kimball's Carnival... The Hot Club of San Francisco Friday and Steve Lucky & the Rhumba Bums Saturday at the Baltic...Live music and dancing in the Terrace Lounge at the Claremont Resort... The Move at the Ramada Hotel... West Express Friday and Gary Newman and Clifford Saturday at the Fat Lady.

Mongo Santamaria, Steve Turre, Adam Cruz and Avery Sharpe with Paquito d'Rivera at Yoshi's Nitespot.. Jim Brown at Scott's...Fredrico Cervantes at the Overland House...Hollywood & Co. with Beverly Watson Friday and Lloyd Gregory & Friends Saturday at the 5th Amendment...Terrell Prude and the Yancey Taylor Quartet Friday and the Yancey Taylor Quartet Saturday at Elsina's Via Veneto...Delta Wires Friday and Tarantella Saturday at John Patrick's.

COMEDY SCENE: The Lovemaster at the Punch Line Walnut Creek...Chas Elsner at Tommy T's San Ramon... SAN FRANCISCO: Scott Capurro at the Punch Line... John Steele and Larry "Bubbles" Brown at Cobb's Comedy Club.





New works by local artists on display at Richmond Art Center

The Richmond Art Center's exhibition program highlights emerging and mid-career artists at significant points in their careers. Over the years RAC has helped launch the careers of numerous artists who have gone on to national and international prominence. Among these are Nathan Oliveira, Richard Diebenkorn, Joan Brown and William Wiley. The center continues this tradition with the upcoming exhibitions of mixed-media sculp-

A 15-foot-tall section of madrone fashioned into a ladder, a giant labyrinth of cyclone fencing and autumn leaves, and a film installation using two opposing 16-mm projectors simultaneously projecting from a mobius-shaped film loop are a few examples of Ortbal's facility for heightening percention through creative trans-

Ortbal's facility for heightening perception through creative transformation and renewal.

As Above, So Below incorporates eight separate but interconnected works which journey between the areas of sculpture, film

with poetic reference to nucleic fluids. Most of these works per-tain to Nakada's interest and stud-ies in genetic research. Although Nakada has had nu-merous one-person exhibitions, including shows at the Mark

tor Robert Ortbal and abstract painter Tomas Nakada.

In his installation, As Above, So Below will involve school children from the local community in the creative processes the tenets of aesthetics, science, and belief through using objects, raw materials and processes that transform static architectural spaces into radiant interiors that ignite notions of ritual, desire and the sublime.

A 15-foot-tall section of madrone fashioned into a ladder, a giant labyrinth of cyclone fencing and autumn leaves, and a film

GGF to host Valentine's Day ru

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the "Race for the Children," benefiting Children's Hospital Oakland. This fun-filled event will be held at Golden Gate Fields in Al-

m. to 5 p.m.

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spectacular view of the home-stretch.

Open seating is \$30, reserved window seating is \$40. Group and VIP packages are also available.

For further information ervations, call the Children pital Branches Event Line 3247.

Again, all proceeds Children's Hospital Oak pediatric medical centerfo ern California.



THE TAX PAGE



Tax Tips for '94 Returns

Major Tax Changes for **Moving Expenses Complicated** by Non-Conformity

Taxpayers who were on the move in 1994 have put the brakes on the moving expenses they deduct on their income tax returns.

expenses are no longer deductible: costs related to house-hunting trips and buying or selling a home, meals while traveling and temporary lodging.

"The good news," according to Enrolled Agent Irene Lawrence, presi-

dent of the East Bay Association of Enrolled Agents, "is that it is no longer necessary to itemize deductions in order to claim allowable moving

The deduction for moving expenses is now available to all taxpayers as an adjustment to gross income. This is a new break for renters, who often do not

Claiming the deduction will be rather complicated in states (like California) which have not conformed to the new federal rules.

"In these states you have two com

pletely different sets of rules which apply to the same moving expenses," Lawrence says.

Telecommuting Trend Boots Up Computer Deductibility

The question is becoming increasing-ly common as American business gradually embraces the concept of "al-ternative work space." Employees may work at home one or more days per week with the idea of decreasing traffic

computer is deductible only if it is required by the employer and required of all employees serving in a similar

Due to these conditions,

ing, but that is unlikely to be required by their employers. Is your home computer deductible? The answer is, according to Lawrence,

"War Bonds" Explode with **Taxable Interest**

Series E "War Bonds" purchased by millions of patriotic Americans in the 1940s and 50s have reached or are reaching their 40-year maturity. During the four decades, the savings bonds have collected interest which varied with prevailing rates.

have collected interest which varied with prevailing rates.

"All that interest is now due," says Lawrence, "and it becomes taxable income when the bonds are cashed in." For example, suppose a \$1,000 Series E bond was purchased for the usual price of \$750 in November 1954. With 40 years of accumulated interest, the bond was worth \$7,086.80 at maturity in November 1994

The difference of \$6,336.80 is tax-le at the federal rate, often 28 percent

cases. That's a lot of tax liability float ing around out ther

Taxpayer Guidelines for **Deducting Club Dues**

It was quite a blow to the millions of taxpayers who belong to businesses-related clubs when the comprehensive new income tax law of 1993 appeared to eliminate the deduction of *all* club

Now that the IRS has issued proposed

Under the IRS rules

—Dues are deductible for most professional and trade associations.

—Dues may be deductible for CIVIC GROUPS such Rotary, Lions and Soroptimists if they are an ordinary and necessary business expense.

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce By Sewall Glinternick

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the El Cerrito Chamber of merce installation dinner will ld Friday, Jan. 20, at the to City Club, with Vera vich, Vice President wich, Vice President— ness Banking Division of ornia Federal Bank, as 1995 dent. Ken Berndt, former ber president and former or of El Cerrito, will serve as the with new El Cerrito or Norman LaForce serving

wor Norman LaForce serving a stalling officer. (Due to a flict, Marge Col-lins had to tine as emcee.) erving with Vera will be Patallua, first vice-president, ager The Mechanics Bank, a office; June Boblitt, second-president, owner, Full Circle tel; Larry Sanchez, third vice-ident, co-owner, Marvin ins Construction Company; Burton, secretary, retired sey; and Charlie Weaver, uter, CPA. thers being installed as board

ers being installed as board whers being installed as board rectors members are incum-s, Marvin Collins, Collins timent Management; Bill er, Freeway Motel; Harry er, Kiefer Furniture; Rich eneth, More Car Co.; U.S. achano, architect, retired; y Newson, P.G. & E. Co.; newly elected, Marcia vartz, Mason-McDuffie Real e.; John Connors, Connors, et al. (2012). head Door Co.; and Dr. las DeSalvo, DeSalvo

d Roberts will provide ad Roberts will provide rail and dinner keyboard c starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.50 berson, reservations must be by Jan. 19 by calling 233-

you don't plan to work all life, you'd be wise to have a with financial planner Allan k, one of the El Certa



New Member Allan Essex, of Financial Network Investment Corp. with Chamber President Rena Burton and manager Sewall Glinternick.

"The secret," says Essex, "is to plan early for retirement so that — when you stop working — you don't have to undergo a sharp drop in lifestyle.

"Planning at any age is useful. But, the earlier the better. That way you can take advantage of long-term investments, which are generally the most profitable."

Before setting up a financial plan and recommending an investment program, Essex prefers to develop an inventory of his clients' assets.

"That way," he explains, "I can be sure my clients have enough to live on while they prepare for retirement."

"I must know what they're spending, so I can help them

"I must know what they're spending, so I can help them reach their retirement goals. With this information I can help them with the painful process of cutting back on their spending and developing trade-offs so they can afford to maintain the lifestyle they wish when they stop working."

they wish when they stop working."

It comes down, he says, to analyzing each individual client's financial situation and recommending strategies for improving cash management, protection programs, investment portfolios, tax reduction, retirement and estate plans.

estate plans.

One of the major areas in estate planning, according to

Essex, is developing a "gifting strategy" for maximum tax reduction.

"Most people think this can be done with a simple will," he adds. "But more and more of us who want to reduce the taxes we pay the government are using living trusts and other gift-giving strategies that can be employed during our lifetime."

strategies that can be employed during our lifetime."
His goal as a financial planner, Essex explains, is to see that heirs and charities get the maximum amount from an estate—and the tax man, the absolute legal minizum.

A resident of El Cerrito since 1980, Essex is a registered representative of Financial Network Investment Corporation. He is licensed by the National Association of Securities Dealers and a member of SIPC, which insures his clients against fraud.

He has had wide experience as financial planning advisor to

He has had wide experience as financial planning advisor to persons, groups and businesses, and as financial development consultant to educational, social service and arts organizations in Northern California. In addition he has held faculty and administrative positions at the University of Wisconsin, Southern Oregon State University, and Napa Community College.

Essex can be reached by telephoning 526-7479.

My life feels like a road, an untraveled road where I can't see the end.

My life is a bunch of windows frosted, so I can't see out.

My eyes are sometimes blind. But sometimes I can see.

My life is like syrup, sweet and satisfying yet slow with impatience.

My life is poetry — beautiful, ugly, soft, harsh, serious and funny. Sometimes unclear.

My life is like the wind blowing in all types of ways

—Lauren Burnley MacGregor High School

QUIET SOUNDS

The quietest thing I ever heard I like the moth wings.

The quietest thing would be like when the trees rustle. It sounds pretty.

I often hear quiet things, but they're not really quiet, just far away.

The quietest thing I heard was a breeze.

The quietest thing I heard

was an ant pushing pebbles on my street.

I heard something like

—Jett, Kyle, Marjorie, Nick, Peter, Robin, Victoria group poem from Jeri Fraser's econd-grade class, MacGregor Primary School

Residence Judith Lannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

New school programs getting underway

Albany PTA Council serves as a coordinating organization for all the Albany PTAs. Last summer, Council members began talking about better ways to share information with the entire school community.

community.

PTA committees such as
Parent Education, Enrichment,
and Emergency Preparedness
often sponsor events of interest to
the general public, but may have
difficulty publicizing the event
beyond their own school.

One result of the PTA Council
meetings is this column of school

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news.

If you have a school-related event you would like to announce here, please send your information to PTA Council Column. c/o Marin School, 1001 Santa Fe Avenue, Albany
Information should be received at least a week before you need to see it in The Journal; in other words, I need it by Thurs-

day in order to make the follow-ing week's Thursday publication

The New Year is bringing no ideas and programs to many of our schools:

ALBANY MIDDLE
SCHOOL PTA announces the start of a new after-school program, "Kids' College," offered through the cooperation of Albany Middle School, Albany Adult School, and the PTA.
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Adult School, and the PTA.
Spaces are available in
MacIntosh Computer class,
conversational French and
Spanish, Stagecraft, and Math
Assistance. A minimal fee is
charged. Classes will begin at the
end of January; AMS students
have received registration forms
in the mail and must return them
to the AMS office by Jan. 19.
This innovative and much needed

to the AMS office by Jan. 19. This innovative and much needed program is available thanks to the hard work of Middle School PTA co-presidents Sarah Samonsky and Rondi Hurlbut.

Elementary school parents, especially those who have fifthgraders, should mark their calendars for Thursday, Feb. 2. "Elementary' Questions about AMS" is the topic of the next AMS PTA meeting, held at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Library.

Parents of elementary school students are invited to discuss the

AMS experience with AMS parents and principal Terry Corpuz. All questions, from curriculum to social activities, are

CORNELL SCHOOL will

Jan. 26, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Multi-Use Room.

At the same time, in the Cornell Library, parents and kids can browse the "Kids' Used Book Exchange" and purchase donated books. (If you have used childrens' books you may bring them to Cornell's library before the sale and receive one "Book Buck" for each book you donate. "Book Bucks" can be used to buy books at the Jan. 26 Book Exchange.)

change.)

At MARIN SCHOOL, a childrens' chorus for fourth and fifthgraders will begin Jan. 25. Students will sing a variety of music and learn basic vocal technique and ear-training skills. Chorus will meet each Wednesday morning from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.. Tuition is \$40 for 12 meetings.

Interested students should contact the instructor, Elizabeth Engan, at 849-3814, to register.

A similar program is being offered to Cynnell students on Thursdays.

Finally, the School District is

Finally, the School District is forming Facility Site Planning committees at each of our school

These committees will work These committees will work towards the completion of a Facilities Master Plan that will encompass ideas for Middle School construction as well as rehabilitation work at all other

Parents who want to work on a committee may contact the principal at the school that interests them.



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New pastor takes over at First Baptist

The Rev. Sherman Moyer was installed as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Albany on Jan. 15.
Dr. Robert D. Rasmussen, Ex-

that Church of Albany on Jan. 15.

Dr. Robert D. Rasmussen, Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of the West, wasthe speaker at the installation ceremony. Others participating were the Rev. James Stickney, Rector of St. Albans Episcopal Church, the Rev Kathryn Choy-Wong. East Bay Area Minister of the American Baptist Churches of the West, the Rev. Robert Tharalsen, from San Ramon, and Steven Huffstetter. chairman of the Pastoral Search Committee of First Baptist Church. Moyer graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, receiving a Bachelor of Divinity degree, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, receiving a Master of Religious Education degree. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. He has



served as pastor of First Baptist Served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Folsom, Sonora Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Novato, and Kailua Baptist Church, Kailua, Hawaii. His most recent pastorate was at the Open Door Christian Church. Novato.

Mover and his wife. Kathara.

Moyer and his wife, Kathryn, live in San Rafael.

Winter tales for all coming to El Cerrito

Winter is a traditional time for

orytelling.

Tales and Trails presents a winter story rendezvous Saturday, Jan. 21, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 6922 Stockton Ave. in El Cerrito.

Admission is \$5. Reservations are required. Call 527-0401.
Light dinner or snacks will be available for purchase at the break.

This event is for people of all ages ... children and adults.

Storyteller-guide Bob Kanegis will be joined by guest tellers Ruth Halpern and Doc Mozzarelli for an evening of traditional tales, improvisation, and the debut of several new masks from the Tales and Trails menagerie.

If you're older than yesterday

but younger than tomorrow, then you are the right age to enjoy a good

oryteller-guide Bob Kanegis has been bringing together people of all ages, to hear and tell stories since founding Tales and Trails in

A resident of El Cerrito, Bob A resident of El Cernto, Boo travels from coast to coast telling tales around campfires, in schools, libraries, and parks, with stories selected to celebrate the power of imagination and foster a reverence

In 1994 Bob visited over 100 schools and libraries from Puget Sound to New Mexico and New England.

This winter he is staying close to home and working with other tell-



Storyteller Bob Kanegis will be featured at the Masonic.

ers to strengthen the growing interest and appreciation of storytelling in the Bay Area.

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bs to survive harsh winter weather

e past two weeks, the state rnia has been pounded by ts of El Nino, a seasonal in the weather pattern that ms. The effects have been and lethal — with flood-lides, road closures, and onditions in the higher

nmediate area, the countra Costa and Alameda ed a local state of emerchared a local state of emer-ical and are currently applying asster declaration from the vernor's Office. Please keep the following tips to help with the winter storms and

on Flood Insurance

homeowner's policies do r protection against flood

losses. On the other hand, many renter's policies do. Contact your own insurance carrier to find out the specifics of your policy regarding flooding. You can also call the National Flood Insurance Program (1-800-638-6620) for information.

Before the Storm

- *Store emergency supplies:
 First-aid kit and medicines, canned
 goods, non-electric can opener, radio, flashlight and spare batteries.
 *Keep your car fueled if
 power is out, filling stations may
 not be functioning.
 *Know safe routes from your
 home or office to high, safe ground.

If a Storm Warning Is Issued

• Store drinking water in closed, clean containers in case water service is interrupted.

• If flooding is likely (and time permits), move essential items and furniture to upper floors of your

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• Before leaving the house, turn off all utilities — gas, water and

During the Storm

- * Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding ("flash floods").

 * Do not try to cross a flowing stream if water level is above your knees. You can be swept away by the strong currents.

 * Do not try to drive across flooded roads. You could be either

stranded or trapped. Most of the heroic rescues by emergency ser-vice crews are the result of people ignoring and driving around barri-cades. If a road is barricaded, do not

- cades. If a road is barricaded, do not even think about crossing.

 If your car stalls in rising water, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. Many people drown while trying to rescue their cars.

 Do not "sightsee" in flooded areas. Do not try to enter areas blocked off by local authorities.

 Avoid unnecessary trips. Advise others of your destination if you must travel.

- Tune to your local radio or TV station for emergency information and instruction from local authorities.

After the Storm

- Do not turn gas back on yourself. Call P.G. & E. to do it.
 Do not use fresh food that has
- come in contact with flood waters.

• Follow local instructions regarding the safety of drinking water. If in any doubt at all, be conservative: purify by boiling or adding 8 drops of liquid bleach per gallon.
• Avoid disaster areas. Your presence could hamper rescue and emergency operations, and you might be in danger.
• Do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas. If appliances have been in contact with water, have them checked before using.

using.

• Use flashlights (not matches, lanterns or candles) to examine buildings — flammables may be

Avoid downed power lines and broken gas lines. Report them immediately to P.G. & E. or your local police and fire departments.
Stay tuned to local radio and TV stations for additional information such as shalter site locations.

tion such as shelter site locations, road closures, or similar updates.

By Dave Simpson

Years of drought have made us forget the power and the fury that winter storms can inflict. Recent television coverage has shown footage of cars and even houses being swept away by the powerful currents of flowing water.

The prevailing weather patterns and the fact that the ground has reached its saturation point indicate that we are likely to experience more flooding during this storm season (the next three months or so). Take a moment to be sure you and your family are prepared for this wet season. For further information contact your local fire department.

Dave Simpson is the Disaster

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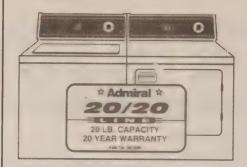


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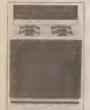
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lew mandates call for disclosure toxic lead-based paint in home

the threat of lead-based paint oning among children becomes are and governments move to obe regulations on lead paint in one and other structures, accounts, howevers, home sellers, and real to agents are confronted with a fixing array of options in how eal with the problem. According to Dale Hagen, publiformation officer with the meda County Lead Poisoning vention Program, the Environtal Protection Agency and the returnent of Housing and Urban clopment have issued joint lations under section 1018 of X specifying sellers' and real te agents' responsibilities to asse potential lead-based paint adds in homes built after 1978. Under these mandates, "Hagen, "home sellers will have to fill lead-based paint disclosure decourselfs but will then have decourselfs are will have to fill decourselfs and will read be agents." income sense of paint disclosure is ad-based paint disclosure is, documents that will then have a kept on file for three years. In film, home sellers would have ovide prospective buyers a 10-period during which to inspect temises and decide whether, as and to fthe inspection, to buy." I estate agents will be required take sure these documents are raided to buyers. Ongress set Oct. 28, 1994, as tate on which these regulations the buyer of the National Asso on of Realtors' Public Inform Office pointed out, "this date caused a lot of confusion a mong ad-based paint disclosure documents that will then have

s because the actual effect

tive date is Oct. 28, 1995." This discrepancy was not due to a typo, Hagen said, but came about when the EPA and HUD revised the date "because both agencies wanted to ensure that the regulated community would have adequate time to

'Real estate agents should get on the bandwagon now and do all they can to mitigate lead-based paint

hazards...'

—DALE HAGEN,
ALAMEDA COUNTY
LEAD POISONING
PREVENTION PROGRAM

Prepare to comply."

Noting that some three million real estate transactions occur annually in the United States, each with a unique set of circumstances to consider, Hagen said that both agencies will hold public hearings, at a location to be determined, for comment on the proposed regulations. Real estate professionals, industrial hygienists, environmentalists, home buyers, home sellers, and other concerned citizens will be invited to participate.

participate.
"With so much complexity to this issue and financial stakes being so high out there, the agencies

closure procedures governing termite infestation. Meanwhile, the EPA is developing a "Lead Hazard Information Packet" to be provided to real estate agents and home buy-

ers.
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white indicated that since the regulations are not going to be in force for another year, the contention that has appeared in some business journals that "Title X requires property owners to have a lead inspection performed on their property is false."

"While the agencies are taking the extra time for extended research and consultation," Hagen said, "real estate agents should get on the bandwagon now and do all they can to mitigate lead-based paint hazards since they pose such a serious threat to public health."

Lead-based paint poisoning is easily detectable by means of a simple blood test. If undetected, however, lead-based paint poisoning poses a serious, potentially lethal threat, especially to younger children. Lead affects the human nervous system, the production of blood cells, the kidneys, the reproductive system, and behavior. At the most frequent exposure levels, primarily the blood and nervous system are affected. (Once ingestion is halted, the body begins to eliminate the lead build-up.)

Lead poisoning is usually cumulative, resulting from relatively small ingestions over long periods

See LEAD, page 23



Workout at the "Y"

Berkeley fire chief Gary Cates, left, listens as YMCA CEO Larry Bush discusses plans for the South Berkeley YMCA with chairman of the YMCA Board of Directors Jules Mayer, Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean, City Councilmember Mary Wainwright and former Mayor Jeff Leiter. The occasion was a work party last Thursday at the South Berkeley YMCA during which 100 volunteers from the Charles Schwab Corporation and a team from the Berkeley Lions Club poured cement, replaced doors, painted, landscaped, and hung siding as they worked together to refurbish the South Berkeley "7" at 2901 California St. With this project, the Berkeley-Albany YMCA kicks off a major collaborative effort in South Berkeley, in partnership with local service clubs and service providers, to enhance neighborhoods and build a strong sense of community, with the YMCA serving as a central resource.

Book on earthquake retrofits in print again

The non-profit Building Education Center in Berkeley has reprinted its illustrated 80-page homeowner's guide, Introduction to Earthquake Retrofitting: Tools & Techniques, which sold out last year in the wake of January's Northridge earthquake.

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Winter is a special time of year. It's actually quite romantic to get a fire going, sit and sip a hot bev-erage, get cozy and listen to the sound of the rain falling outside. Sound of the rain falling outside.
On the other hand, if your home isn't properly protected against the additional moisture that is such a part of winter, then the aforementioned romantic setting can be replaced by a damp, cold and mildew-ridden house.

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Those wishing to keep the house free from "dampening" the spirits of the occupants would be well-advised to order a free factsheet from the U.S. Department of Energy titled, "Moisture Control in Homes."

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The factsheet is laid out well and the diagrams help the reader to understand the concepts under each of the six subheadings which include "Symptoms of Excess Moisture," "Identifying and Controlling the Sources of Moisture," "Protecting Walls, Ceilings and Insulation," and more.

For instance, the first subheading, "Symptoms of Excess Moistine," covers the telltale signs so well that if you were a "house doctor" you could diagnose your "patient" by just a quick walk through the house. Covered are telltale signs such as condensation, mold or mildew, peeling, cracking or blistering paint, and concrete/masonry efflorescence. Efflorescence is a white, powdery substance or line left after mois-

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ture has moved through a masonry foundation or basement wall and indicates that ground moisture is entering the basement.

There is also a handy reference section at the back which provides lists of additional reading materials including books, special reports and articles related to this topic.

For those building a structure or planning to replace sections of an existing home, a chart titled, "Generic Permeance of Materials to Water Vapor" explains how permeance is tested on a variety of materials. Permeance basically means how well the building material resists the penetration of water and moisture.

"Permeance is measured in two ways — wet cup and dry cup testing. Wet cup testing exposes the material to greater amounts of moisture. A materials perm rating will be lower in dry cup testing than wet cup, which means wet cup ratings are best when choosing a vapor retarder for an extremely wet location."

Identification and Control

This factsheet would only be

Countrywide

partially usable to the homeowner if it didn't contain a section on the identification and control of mois-ture, which it does. Covered in this subheading are

rine possible sources of moisture. Following the brief description of each source are solutions which explain, in "user-friendly" terms, how to solve each of the nine sources of in-home moisture.

One example from this section

See GARDNER, next page

Software demo for Realto

The Oakland Association of Chicago Title Compa Realtors computer user's committee will be holding a one-day demonstration for managers and owner/brokers to highlight some new and innovative software programs.

The program will be held on Friday, Jan. 27, 1995, at 1528 Webster St. The program will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with lunch provided by

The programs that demonstrated will be Art Windows (client trac Windows (client trae Quicken (office and indi finances). Lead Com-

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erits of dual agency

could like to respond to an arritten by the Hendricksons on pic of dual agency (Q & A, Dec.) while I agreed with many of oncerns, a particular point was by them to discourage a buyer eller from working with agents ing to the same company. The gave a strong implication that party's interests would not be in that circumstance. This was and misleading. It is to all, the law actually sanchual agency in California. There course, disclosures required forms of agency. What the did not convey (and seemed to was that in practical terms, the dual agency that occurs with success and protection of the ary duty. Illustrate, an agent belonging C Realty has a listing. Another from ABC Realty has a buyer nakes an offer on that listing gency exists and is disclosed to arties. The agents each represent clients' interests diligently deal is struck.

In point do the agents act diffy about their own duties as a offer on the rown duties as of belonging to the same comfort they thought that way, they do their dirty work with an expense.

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s out the often overlooked ure from normal domestic ties such as cooking without

mes such as cooking without bathing and hanging wet as indoors to dry. The solutes existing or install exfans in kitchens and baths. Make sure that the kitchen bathroom fans are powerful to remove moist air in a

All smart agents, however, are concerned about one individual agent representing both buyer and seller. The potential is always there for one of the parties to be compromised. I have engaged in this situation when I knew it was safe, and I have avoided it when it was not. In fact, some clients even think it is in their interests to have one agent on both sides, the reason being that they often believe that their desires will be communicated accurately rather than being filtered through another agent.

It is, therefore, improper to make a blanket statement regarding all forms of dual agency. Each situation merits its own considerations.

Tim Cannon, Manager

Tim Cannon, Manager Mason-McDuffie Berkeley North

In response to Tim Cannon's let-ter, it is still my opinion that dual agency is fraught with peril. Let me explain why.

explain why.

While legal, the courts and the legal profession are less likely to be sympathetic to dual agency transactions. The added level of scrutiny may make the transaction much more vulnerable to legal challenge.

Real estate agents are not accustomed to documenting every contact or conversation with their clients, yet arguably a dual agency situation requires this level of diligence.

In a dispute over a transaction.

In a dispute over a transaction,

short time. Bathroom fans should

run for at least 15 minutes after a shower or bath.

shower or bath.

To the homeowner trying to make ends meet in a difficult economy, having to buy anything extra may seem like the last thing one would want to do. But when rationality returns to the decision-making process, the cost of minor additions, such as fans, versus

especially one handled by the same broker (be there two agents or one), the lawyer for each party will audit the transaction just as the IRS audits our tax returns. The burden of proof that each party was properly repre-sented will be on the broker and the agents. Failure to disclose any mate-rial fact can lead to a lawsuit for damages or a rescission of the con-tract.

tract.

Prior and future business dealings between the agents as colleagues from the same broker, as well as prior relationships with the principals, need to be disclosed in a dual

prior retutionships with the principals, need to be disclosed in a dual agency situation because they have direct bearing on the issue of loyalty. A seller would want to know that the purchaser of his/her property had used the agent in the past and that the agent might also be counting on future business with the purchaser. Or, for example, a buyer who happens on an open house and decides to buy from the agent present could be under-represented by that agent who might have a longstanding relationship with the seller.

We do not question the integrity of our colleagues just because they are acting as dual agents. Tim Cannon is correct when he states that two agents from two different brokers can collude

-Barbara and Dennis Hendrickson.

major repairs from the damage that moisture can inflict on dwell-ings, rapidly makes more sense. "Moisture Control in Homes" is a good friend when trying to make such decisions. And it's free!

Brian Gardner is an award-winning journalist and native Californian now living in El Cerrito.

Government loans for home repairs not restricted to low-income owners

Government at all levels recog-nizes that neighborhoods are the basis of life in our country. When a neighborhood deteriorates, many things happen both physically and socially. When the homes look shabby, a neighborhood seems more attractive to crime and cri-minals.

As homes become shabby look-As homes become shabby looking and in need of maintenance, the residents lose their desire to keep up the neighborhood. Streets become receptacles for trash, schools lower their standards and very quickly the selling price of homes in the area drops sharply. This accelerates the cycle of degeneration.

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In order to keep and maintain the nation's housing and neighborhoods, government at all levels have programs to give homeowners money (that does not have to

work. In addition there are tax incentives to promote efficient
energy use.

These programs are not restricted to low-income people,
slum areas or urban neighborhoods. Owners of single or multifamily dwellings are eligible.
While the grants do not have to be
repaid, most of the loans offer low
or no-interest, long terms and low or no-interest, long terms and low

payments.

Consumer Education Research
Center, a national non-profit consumer group formed in 1969, has
just published the 208-page, 1994
edition of Consumers Guide to
Home Repair Grants and Subsidized Loans (\$16.95 plus \$3 packing and handling from Cerc

be repaid) for repairs or to lend them money at below market levels or at no interest. In many areas utility companies will either do energy conservation work freo rat low cost and in other places will lend homeowners money at no interest to pay the contractor of their choice for the necessary work. In addition there are tax incentives to promote efficient cluded as well as detailed instruc-Grants, 350 Scotland Road, Orange, NJ 07050 or (800) 872-0121) which lists over 7,000 sources of loan and grant programs offered by federal, state and local government, utility companies and others, typical programs offered and how to qualify. Form letters for inquiries to these loan and grant sources are included as well as detailed instructions on determining your debt-to-

cluded as well as detailed instruc-tions on determining your debt-to-income ratio for eligibility.

Robert L. Berko, executive di-rector of CERC, says, "Some pro-grams have no income ceiling and others allow income of as much as

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in a row is Gina Erck, followed by Faye Keogh, Ron Egherman, a newcomer to the top echelon, and Leslie Avant.

"Templeton Company exceeded its projections for 1994

ceeded its projections for 1994 and these agents deserve recogni-

tion from the company and the East Bay community they serve," said Templeton.

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What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

What is a bedroom?

Some years ago, I listed a split-level home the seller initially told me had "three plus" bedrooms. After touring the property, I ex-plained to the seller why I beplained to the seller why I be-lieved the property actually had only one bedroom and considered the others to be plus rooms. I was careful to disclose this informa-tion on the Multiple Listing Ser-vice, flyers, ads and on the pur-chase contract.

The day after it closed escrow, the new owner was running rental ads advertising it as two rental units. The ceiling height in one of the "units." Physical two least the "units." the "units," however, was less than the 7'6" minimum for a legal bedroom. Apparently, the new owner was cavalierly disregarding the written disclosures he had received. It is possible he was oblivious to the health and safety risks to his prospective transts and to to his prospective tenants and to the legal risk this entailed for him.

I was reminded of this incident when I recently received a flyer from a local contractor who does home inspections. The subject was remodeling bedrooms, but it struck me that, remodeling or not, many buyers and sellers do not fully understand the importance of buyers and sellers do not fully understand the importance of knowing what a bedroom is and what it isn't. After all, the per-ceived value of a home is often a function of the number of bedWith this in mind, I write an article about tion of a bedroom. Do the beginning of an u odyssey which culming personal visits and in telephone calls to the C land departments of builting and inspections. A sive research, I was not locate any appropriet. locate any approved s ment which incorpor essentials of a bedroor

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legister for real estate classes Things that make a house hard to sell

Number 83 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Is your house a hard house to sell? Some houses are much harder than others. If you're buying, are you buying a house that will be hard to sell later? You might think about this

to sell later? You might think about this.

Some years ago I was looking for a house for a group of people. They'd been living together for a while and were tired of landlords who didn't appreciate their lifestyle. One of the group had a trust fund and was going to put up the money. They were young and didn't know how long they'd be living in the house. They hadn't considered what would come next in life.

They became fascinated with very large houses, houses I didn't think they should buy. The first one was a bargain they told me, a good one to buy. I said it was cheap but it wasn't a bargain. It was sliding slowly down the hill. When their lives changed and they wanted to sell, it would be hard.

Then they happened across an-

sell, it would be hard.

Then they happened across another huge house, so huge and so odd that they really wanted it. There were passages and a tower, long halls, several kitchens. This one was on stable ground but every surface in every room needed attention. They liked it. I didn't. Mostly I

knew I didn't want to be the one responsible for selling it some other

Eventually I sold them a smaller house. It also needed work, but even if they never did anything to improve it (which I figured was pretty possible), I knew I could sell it again. It was on a good lot in a great



Very small houses are harder, and so are houses with no yard.

Elmwood neighborhood. The exterior, while worn, was covered in wood shingles. It was the kind of house that lots of people would say

house that lots of people would say had "potential."

The group didn't stay together very long, maybe three years, but as it turned out, one of the group bought the house from the trust fund per-

son.
He stayed there, got married, put He stayed there, got married, putin a new kitchen, painted everything, and sold some years later for
a good profit. I don't know, but it's
possible that he realized how much
better it was that they'd bought that
house instead of the others.

Not too long ago Angt and I were

Not too long ago Anet and I were asked to look at a house that the owners wanted to sell. We knew the instant we walked in the door that

this would be a hard one. The house had started out as a tiny, poorly laid out two-bedroom. There was no entry, the living room was maybe 10 by 12, the flagstone fireplace

mas in ruins.

The original kitchen had been made into a small bedroom, and because the owners liked the look of wood, they had lined the walls and ceiling with rough-sawn fir. Unfortunately, this made the room feel like the dark inside of a tree.

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At the rear of the house the owners had added a new living room and kitchen. It was a peculiar mix of quality and economy. On the walls was plastic paneling, there were metal sliding doors to the yard and brown shag carpeting on the floor, but the kitchen contained top-of-the-line appliances.

By the time we got to the kitchen, we were thinking, "Oh, oh. How are we ever going to price this one? Who is the buyer for this house?"

The situation was difficult because the owners were very proud of their house and did not want to do any more work on it. They realized that there was no off-street parking.

an inconvenience, and they knew that it would be better if the fire-place was whole, but they had cus-tomized their house themselves and felt, in fact, that it should sell for a

We suffered over that one. There certainly weren't any "comps," so we interpolated and came up with a

price which they considered too low.
They listed with someone else.
There are a number of things that can make a house hard to sell. Really different houses are hard unless they have some kind of snob

less they have some kind of snob appeal.

Very small houses are harder, and so are houses with no yard. Deluxe houses surrounded by lesser ones and ones next door to ugly or falling down houses are hard.

Houses reached via a great many stairs or those in very noisy locations are a challenge, as are dirty, cluttered and dark houses. Houses covered with asbestos shingles are more difficult if they had something else on them.

But none of these things will in itself prevent a house from selling.

What causes any house to sell are: (1) appropriate pricing; (2) getting people (buyers and agents) to go see it; and (3) appeal. It makes sense.

sense.

The better the price, the better. The more people who see a house, the better. The more people a house appeals to, the better.

Strange houses and houses in poor condition sell all the time. They sell when there are compensating factors — almost always including a lower price than would be true otherwise.

The reason for this is that every buyer wants the preferred, safer location, best condition, ample space and good looks. Most buyers cannot afford all of these, so they buy something less for less money. If you are selling, provide as many pluses as you can. Then find an agent who likes your house (do not underestimate the power of liking) and is confident about selling.

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70 square feet and must have a minimum of seven lineal feet from one wall to another. (Uniform Build-

Windows: A bedroom must have at least one window which works. Current codecalls for the sill to be at least 44 inches above the floor, and the window must be at least 20" x 24" and at least 5.7 sq. ft. If bedroom windows have security bars, at least one of the windows must have an approved inside quick release mechanism which can be operated by one hand or foot. (Uniform Building Code)

Light & Ventilation: There are specific code requirements regarding the minimum amount of glazed openings for light and the minimum ventilation for a bedroom.

openings for light and the minimum ventilation for a bedroom. (Uniform Building Code)
Exits: A bedroom must have at least two different exits. A window can be counted as one of the exits. (Uniform Building Code)
Ceiling Height: The minimum height required is 7'6". (Uniform Building Code)
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Building Code)
Proximity to Garage: A bedroom cannotbe located with a door opening into a garage because of the danger of carbon monoxide fumes. (Uniform Building Code)
Converted Garage: It is common to see garages converted with-

mon to see garages converted without permit and used as bedrooms or rumpus rooms with a bed for sleeping. These are usually illegal, sometimes dangerous situations.

Gas Appliances: A room cannot be considered a bedroom if the sole access to the hot water heater and/or furnace is through that room. Hot water heaters are not allowed in a bedroom. Furnaces are generally not permitted. There are some exceptions; these can be verified with the local building department. (Plumbing and Mechanical Codes)

Closets: Although not specified by code, planners will call for a closet in order for the room to be considered a bedroom. It is preferred, but not mandatory, that the

ferred, but not mandatory, that the

closet be built-in. The closet can be portable or prefab. There is flexibility in this area.

Access: If a room is accessed only through another room, that other room is not considered a bedroom. This intermediate space is looked at as a hallway. (Zoning Code)

If a home you love has one or more plus rooms rather than bedrooms, does this mean you should not buy it? Not necessarily, but ask yourself these questions: What would today's value of the home be if the plus rooms were bedrooms? Take that into account in the offer normals. you make. Buyers will do the same when you sell the home. What are the health and safety considerations with the plus rooms? Could I have future problems with the local building department? If conditions exist which require correction how much which require correction, how much would that cost?

Keep in mind that some circum-stances can be cured relatively quickly and inexpensively and do not, in fact, negatively affect the value. Is the room configuration esthetically pleasing to me? Whether it is or isn't should be

reflected in the price.

People buy and sell homes every day without necessarily giving much thought to these issues. Just because a property is advertised as a "three bedroom" doesn't mean it actually is. Protect yourself by un-derstanding that having a bed in a room doesn't always make it a bed-

(whally thanks to Nick Pauls for writing the flyer, and to A lan Block, a local contractor and home inspec-tor, for his invaluable input and assistance in the preparation of this article. I am also grateful to the many people at the City of Oakland who were so helpful.)

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545 Pierce St. #2213 - \$125,000
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1408 Acton St. - \$320,000

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4205 Suter St. - \$133,000
9863 Thermal St. - \$112,000
3719 Wisconsin St. - \$130,000

PIEDMONT

325 Moraga Ave. - \$210,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

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TOTAL SALES. 17 LOWEST PRICE: \$112,500 HIGHEST PRICE: \$414,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$273,764

TOTAL SALES: 9 LOWEST PRICE: \$101,500 HIGHEST PRICE: \$420,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$216,666

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 26 LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$442,000

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EL CERRITO

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EL SOBRANTE IN

TOTAL SALES: 5 LOWEST PRICE: \$1275 HIGHEST PRICE: \$180/ AVERAGE PRICE: \$154

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3 LOWEST PRICE: \$72,00 HIGHEST PRICE: \$129/ AVERAGE PRICE: \$100

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TOTAL SALES: 4 LOWEST PRICE: \$210,0 HIGHEST PRICE: \$405.1 AVERAGE PRICE: \$300

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Fungus grows on wet snapdrage

By Buzz Bertolero

Q: I have given up growing snapdragons. The last three years my giant snaps have reached eight to 10 inches in height before they withered and died of what I think was rust. I watered twice a week in the morning and I have sprayed them with Sevin. What do you suggest?

A: Snapdragon rust is a fungus disease that causes dark, reddish-brown spots on the back of the leaves. The fungus spores are spread by wind or splashing wa-

ter.

Plants must be wet for six to eight hours before the fungus can infect the leaf tissue. So watering in the morning is better than in the afternoons, but Mother Nature is not very helpful with those after-

noon sea breezes. Also, avoid wetting the foliage, if possible.

The fungicide Daconil is effective in controlling rust. Apply Daconil every three weeks. Sevin is the recommended control for insects on plants but not for rust. insects on plants, but not for rust or any other disease.

O: The instructions on pri Q: In einstructions on pruning fuchsias say to wait until the dan-ger of frost has past. By then, my plants have all their new growth plus flowers, so I don't know when to start. Can they be cut now, and if the hour face?

A: Fuchsias can be pruned any-time after the first of March. It has been a very long time since we experienced any killing frost after the 15th of February. The extra weeks allow time for the daytime temperature to warm up. Fuchsias will only bloom on first year's wood, so remove 50 to 60 percent of last year's growth.

With hanging baskets prune the plant back to the the container. I recommend pruning heavily, then start feedin diately (twice a month) emulsion. Spindly growsias usually result from

Q: My nasturtiums showy and colorful, but this little black bug. Co insects be aphids, and i

A: Yes, they are aphi very easy to control wi cidal soaps or Malathio be sure to monitor the regular schedule as ap perpetual problem.

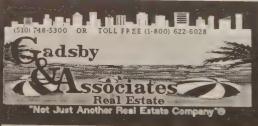
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A Basic Compost Workshop, nsored by Alameda County ste Management Authority, is urday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. - noon norshine) at Oakland Garden, norshine) at Oakland Garden, eside Park, adjacent to the den Center Building, Bellevue, near Lake Merritt. This ds-on class teaches how to post yard and kitchen waste; no transform trash into free, atious fertilizer. Free. Call the tine, at 635-6275 for more reaction.

Botanical Garden's staff C Botanical Garden's staff culturalist Peter Klement preto a hands-on workshop and to the constration on Pruning and the constraint on Saturday, Jan. 21, 10.

Space is limited. Reservance in Strawberry Canyon on tennial Drive, east of MemoStadium. Call 642-3343 for information.

three classes on Saturday, Jan. 21. Owner Contracting: Project Management, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; Earthquake Retrofitting, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and Hands-On Electrical Workshop, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun., \$180. Call 525-7610.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, starts a 17-session Homeowner's Essential Course: How to Build, Remodel & Maintain Your Home, on Wednesday., Jan. 25, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$395. Call 525-7610 to register.

Merritt College begins a series on pruning trees and shrubs with Introduction to Aesthetic Prun-Introduction to Aesthetic Pruning, Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost is \$30. For a complete schedule of classes on pruning call 436-2413. Other upcoming classes in horticulture include "Introduction to Bonsai," "The Business of Landscaping," "Floral Design Classes," and "Irrigation Lab." A field trip to Kauai, Hawaii, is scheduled for April (call 800 624-6623 for information).

The Building Education Cen-ter, 812 Page St., Berkeley, pre-sents three workshops on Sat., Jan. 28: Owner Contracting: Legal Aspects, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; Are You in Denial ... About Pest Control? 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and Hands-on Framing Carpen-try Workshop, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun., \$180. Call 525-7610.

A Financial Investment Workshop for Women will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. -noon at the Lafayette Park Hotel.

Presented by Martin Bach, Dean Witter senior vice president, investments, the workshop is limited to 100 participants. To reserve a space call Cathy at 891-

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents a four-evening Home Design Workshop led by architect Barry Wagner beginning Thursday, Feb. 2, 7 - 10 p.m. Fee is \$100. Call 525-7610 to register.

Mark Wilson's Selling a Piece of History seminar, sponsored by Fidelity National Title, will be presented Friday, Feb. 3, 9 a.m. 4 p.m. at the Oakland Association of Realtors, 1528 Webster St., Oakland. Good for six hours DRE (Department of Real Estate) credit. \$25 in advance; \$40 at the door. Call Sean Becton, 893-8100, or Cathy Zamora, 339-9800.

A four-session, Free Real Es-A four-session, Free Real Estate Training starts Saturday, Feb. 4 and continues three more Saturdays, 2 - 5 p.m., at Bayridge Realty & Financial, 6730 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Topics include how to build your business quickly and easily; countless tips on earning huge commissions; and how to improve your public image and build confidence in yourself. Class size is small. For reservations, call Steve Zager at 232-7714.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents Solving Residential Drainage Problems, Monday, Feb. 13, 7-10 p.m. \$35. Call 525-7610 for

For inclusion in Events, send information to Maggie Sharpe, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047; FAX: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

Lead -

of time. Before 1978 the use of lead-based paint was widespread in home construction, and in such homes exposure can result when the paint "chalks," chips or peels from deteriorated surfaces. Due to weathering, lead-based paint on woodwork, doors, and windows is especially prone to deterioration. Walking on paint chips on the floor or opening and closing a painted frame window can also create lead dust, which can then be ingested through the lungs. Small children have been known to eat paint chips, quickly flooding their systems with quickly flooding their systems with

lead.

All the risks of lead poisoning are greatest for children, as well as for pregnant women. Children are at high risk due to the fact that harmful effects begin for them at lower blood levels (and because of their potential ingestion of paint flakes or chips). Pregnant women run high risks from exposure because lead can cross the placentia and permanently damage the fetal nervous system. At high concentrations, lead ingestion can induce miscarriage.

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While the presence of lead in the environment, and hence in our bodies, has been reduced significantly since regulations on the lead content in gasoline were imposed in the late 1970s, the fact remains that, overall, lead levels are higher than ever in history. Humans did not evolveunder conditions of high lead exposure and have not adapted to the levels of ingestion now prevalent, especially in large urban centers. For children in particular, the margin of safety between non-health-threatening blood lead levels and the levels causing clinical symptoms is very small. Hagen notes that surveys of lead levels in an average sampling of children in high-density urban centers show typical concentrations above the level at which changes in certain blood enzymes occur. A slightly higher level of concentration of lead higher level of concentration of lead

in the blood can cause anemia and loss of mental function. Other symptoms in children include pallor, vomiting, abdominal pain, constipation, listlessness, stupor, loss of appetite, irritability, and loss of muscular coordination.

There are many prevention mea-

There are many prevention measures that homeowners cognizant of the hazards of lead-based paint can undertake. Most obviously, painted items can be replaced. Doors and windows are relatively easily removed (other items may have to be replaced by professionals able to be replaced by professionals able to control lead dust — see below). control lead dust — see below). Covering lead-based paint with a sealant or with gypsum wallboard is another option. However, it should be noted that painting over lead-based paint with non-lead-based paint cannot be considered a long-term solution since the lead will still be released as the new paint deteriorates. Lead dust exposure can be significantly reduced in the short term by frequent wet-mopping and by wiping down surfaces and floors with a high-phosphorus (at least five percent) cleaning solution.

White noted that as the October, 1995, regulatory deadline nears, "unscrupulous firms may disseminate false information about Title X, designed to create demand for lead paint inspection and abatement services." Homeowners concerned now about lead-based paint contamination should exercise caution in securing the services of leadpaint removal professionals.

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paint removal professionals.

There is no denying that, once in place, the EPA-HUD regulations will create a huge market for lead-based paint removal specialists. A community of lead-related service providers, including environmental consultants, testing laboratories, occupational training specialists, contractors, and personal injury lawyers are positioning themselves to exploit this new market.

"This is going to be the biggest

"This is going to be the biggest market in the country, no question about it," says Jay Siegel, an inves-tor in Blast Off Services, a New York-based wholesaler providing lead-abatement products to contrac-

tors. These products include every-thing from pneumatic paint blasters equipped with giant vacuum clean-ers to protective clothing and face masks.

masks.

Homeowners shopping for professional lead-based paint removal specialists should note first and foremost that governmental certification of these professionals has lagged even further than implementation of the EPA-HUD Title X regulations. Only companies based in Maryland or Massachusetts currently must meet requirements for certification.

certification.

In dealing with lead-removal professionals, there are some pertinent questions homeowners can ask to weed out unqualified firms, such as, "How long have you been in the business?" "What kind of training do you require?" "Do you have references and insurance?"

Asthe markets weards, these will.

As the market expands, there will be a lot of people trying to get in on the action, so caveat emptor (let the buyer beware) will probably be the watchword for concerned homeowners for the foreseeable future. On the other hand, as demand increases, investors, are responding on the other hand, as demand increases, investors are responding with creative new techniques — one primer new on the market comes in shocking colors, so that it's impossible to miss when the safe top coat erodes, threatening to expose the lead-based paint underneath.

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The first thing for nomeowners to do, Hagen said, is become informed on the dizzying array of regulations, removal techniques, and emerging research on lead toxicity. He noted that the Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program maintains an informational hot line providing referrals to folks knowledgeable in a variety of lead-related fields: 437-4752.

Other lead related that lines in

Other lead-related hot lines clude the National Lead Hot Line: (800) LEAD-FYI (TDD, for hearing impaired: (800) 526-5456), and the National Lead Clearinghouse: (800) 424-LEAD.

To receive a copy of the proposed Title X regulations, call the Toxic Substances Control Act Hot Line at (202) 554-1404.

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erkeley defense ame of the game

arkeley was set to square off ast Pittsburg on Wednesday in attle of the only two remaining feated girls' basketball teams in by Valley Athletic League.

Bay Valley Athletic League.

Yellowjackets have reeled are quick wins over Caron-Liberty and Antioch, while; and have been as a second of the control of the

erkeley beat Carondelet last
betkeley beat Carondelet 51-34
to league opener, and last week
lackets rolled over Liberty 53-36
pounded Antioch 65-23 to raise
record to 16-1 overall.
he key ingredient in all three
ne victories was defense.
he Jackets have found a way to
alize their BVAL opponents,
ang them to an average 31 points
ne, while the Berkeley offense is
point in 56 points a game.
Then the defense is not doing the
Berkeley Coach Gene Nakamura
as some changes and the result is
ter win for his team.
The start of the same
beerty last week.

Berty actually led 25-20 at the
event a start offense.

rkeley was without twin sopho-Raquel and Michelle Brewer, e out for injury and illness was ill and Raquel was in somebody grabbed her feet, gher to fall on her head.

e Jackets went into the locker and were told to keep their high and do what they had ced

gave them a tongue lashing at me," said Nakamura. "We d the defensive pressure of the andwe made a few adjustments hing on defense. We weren't

doing that well (in the first half)."
When the defense started working in the second half the offense clicked into gear. Berkeley had a 19-3 run in the third quarter, and the Jackets ended up outscoring Liberty 36-11 in the second half.

Berkeley get.

Berkeley got even scoring from whole team, paced by Tejuanya Tolbert's 12 points and 11 from Jen-nifer DeBellis.

Maruwa Ngumezi scored 10 points, Tiffany Green had 9 points,

'Again it's a case of our strong bench.'

-COACH GENE NAKAMURA

five assists and three steals and Deonna Sayles added 8 points. Berkeley had its home regular sea-son opener against Antioch last Fri-day, and it was no contest from the start.

Start. This was a matchup of sorts between Berkeley's DeBellis and Antioch's Courtney Johnson.

DeBellis was the clear winner, scoring 24 points, but she had a lot of help from her teammates in holding Johnson to just two field goals and only 7 points.

"Basically it was the defense again," said Nakamura.

"They really are a two-person team and we shut down their big person, Courtney Johnson. We wore her down."

Courtney Johnson. We wore nerdown."

Nakamura used a platoon of players on Johnson to keep the pressure on constantly.

Senior Ryaja Johnson was the first defender, followed by the the Brewer twins and then Tolbert.

"We were playing 12 people again, keeping fresh people on their offensive threat," said Nakamura. "Again it's the case of our strong bench."

Still, DeBellis had to put the ball in the hoop to get those 24 points. She

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Berkeley's Tejuanya Tolbert passes the ball by an Antioch player.

anthers tie Jets in sloppy, nud-drenched free-for-all

an or no rain, St. Mary's was determined to get the eda Contra Costa Athletic League boys' soccer a rolling last week. In a way, they did. cinal came to St. Mary's and left town with a 2-2 tie, ult with which neither team was particularly happy, are game was a free-for-all played on the muddy and try field, and the field referee did little to stop the mg and shoving that took place on the unruly sur-

mg and shoving that took place on the unruly surtree players got red cards in the game, two from St.
's and one from Encinal, and there was almost a
after the game with hot words flying and some
essary posturing by the players.

the coaches and players from both sides felt the
testida poor job controlling the game, and the fact
veryone was stir crazy from two weeks of layoffs
the se of the weather didn't help.

The the scoring did occur it came in spurts.

Cinal struck first in the first half on a breakaway
Geraldo Flores cut through the defense on a lead
from Shafiq Nawed and went one-on-one with fiery
any's keeper Galen Pallas.

The shasted a shot that hit the middle of the cross bar
tapped down into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead
25th minute.

The minutes later the Jets struck again, this time
Cesar Lopez came up the right side and placed a
the shot to the near side that slipped into the 1-foot
tween the Pallas' leg and the goal post.

Mary's was down 2-0 at the half and the Panther
to were thanging their heads walking into the weight

St. Mary's coach Eric Ballon told his players that if Encinal could score two goals in the first half, then St. Mary's could score two or more in the second half just as

Ballon was right. The Panthers got their first goal about 10 minutes into the second half when David Adame slipped a pass to Miles Richardson, who had little trouble putting it into the back of the net, cutting the lead in half at 2-1.

The Panthers' second goal came a minute later when Encinal goalie Erik Klaus tackled St. Mary's junior forward Tony Para in the penalty box and the Panthers were awarded a penalty kick.

Adame got the call, and his penalty shot was unstoppable for the game-tying goal.

From then on things got rough as players went down with injuries and tempers began to flair.

The field referee refused to acknowledge a man down on an injury for St. Mary's, and later players from both side got tossed for unsportsmanlike behavior, including St. Mary's senior Justin Nero and Encinal's Fernando Hernani.

Hernani.

Panther goalie Pallas asked the referee to control the game, and he was given a red card as well, putting him and the other players out for at least one game.

All in all it was a sorry start to the season, which was supposed to get going in better form this week.

Ballon didn't mind getting a point for the tie, but the one thing he wanted to avoid this year was collecting a bunch of tie matches like last season when the Panthers had four ties that hurt in the overall league standings.

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Missing link in Panther soccer Hornsby and Young sit this one out

St. Mary's soccer has a good group of players this season, but the team's fate is hinging on how well it comes together while missing some premier players from the team.

While the Panthers were playing their first Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game of the season last week, two former players were also present but not suited up to play.

Seniors Jonevan Hornsby and Joel Young were both three-year players with the Panthers, but each has foregone the soccer season to train for track.

The loss is a big one for the team.

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The loss is a big one for the team because the two players were starters and had a huge impact on the field.

Hornsby said he made the decision not to play because he is looking at a possible track scholarship. He ran cross country this year for the endurance it brings to running track, even though he is not particularly fond of that sport.

Hornsby said he misses playing soccer, a game he truly loves, but he is not going to participate this season.

Young is a four-sport athlete at St. Mary's. In the fall he was a defensive back for the football team and ran some cross country. In the winter he played soccer and in the spring he joined Hornsby on the track team.

This year Young also decided to skip soccer to pursue track.
The two former soccer players were out running laps on the track that circles the field last week when St. Mary's played against Encinal.
Also missing from the team this season is junior Seth Altshuler, who is on exchange in Holland playing for a B team, which is one step down from the professional ranks.
Altshuler is expected back next year with a large group of 17 other returning players.

Present and accounted for

Not on the missing list is senior midfielder/forward David Adame and junior forward Miles Richardson, who have combined for five goals this

Adame has three goals and an assist, including one goal of a penalty kick to tie the Encinal game. Richardson also scored a goal in that game, the first and only league match of the regular season.

Adame is one of four seniors along with starting defenders Justin Nero and Joe Quinn and reserve defender Tim Hedges.

Nero is a district player who teams up with midfield/forward sophomore starter Jonathan Radke on the Berkerson.

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Cougars unlucky in league contest

By Scott Kaplan

Whether superstition had any bearing on the final outcome or not, this past Friday the 13th was a frightful one indeed for the Albany Cougars. In a fairly important Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game, the Albany boys' basketball team suffered its worst loss of the season, 78-43 to the visiting De Anza Dons. The loss drops Albany to 1-2 in the ACCAL, 10-7 overall. The Dons improved to 1-2 in the ACCAL, 6-11 overall.

Quite simply, nothing went well

improved to 1-2 in the ACCAL, 6-11 overall.

Quite simply, nothing went well for Albany as the Cougars suffered from cold shooting and inconsistent defense for the entire contest.

The significance of the game was that it pitted Albany against a likely Powerhouse division playoff team, one seemingly of the Cougars' caliber. Albany's first two games were against perennial ACCAL doormat Salesian and league bully Bishop O'Dowd. The Cougars won and lost against Salesian and O'Dowd respectively, thus making last Friday's match-up a good gauge on Albany's ACCAL playoff prospects.

"We're going to have to play real well against the teams that we're supposed to be competitive with to make playoffs," said Albany coach Doug Kagawa. "It's going to be real tough to make playoffs. One slip along the

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Gauchos put down challenge from Jets

By Scott Kaplan

It's a fine team that goes up against a quality opponent that is having an "on" night and still manages to win by 19 points.

Such was the case last Friday as the El Cerrito Gauchos overcame 73 Encinal points, including 12 Jets 3-pointers, in a 92-73 win in Alameda.

"They (Encinal Jets) really did a good job shooting, and we knew coming in that they were going to shoot the three," said El Cerrito coach Chris Huber. "It's (the 3-pointer) tough to defend and a lot of their shots we got a hand up in their face."

Gauchos point guard Raymond King recorded a triple double in the win, scoring 18 points while dishing out 12 assists and 10 steals. Center Marcel Davis led all scorers with 25 points and 10 rebounds for the Gauchos.

While the Jets were remarkable from the outside, they really couldn't muster up any sort of remedy to combat a major size disadvantage.

Encinal started only two players over 6 feet, compared to the Gauchos, who started four. Down low Davis was unstoppable despite playing half the game with a sprained ankle.

Gauchos power forward Davood Asgari scored 16 points while pulling

ankle.
Gauchos power forward Davood
Asgariscored 16 points while pulling
eight rebounds. Asgari has reached
double figures scoring totals in five
straight games.
Maceo Thomas was the fourth

straight games.

Maceo Thomas was the fourth
player for El Cerrito to reach double

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CCAL: Can a league divided against itself stand up in the playoffs?

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keague that have given new

meaning to these games.

The ACCAL adopted a round-robin format of games so teams see each other only once during the regular season, a needed step because of the size of the league with 13 or more schools and some independent teams like Skyline girls' soccer and Berean Christian coming in to play.

The bad part is a two-tier playoff system placing the smaller schools in one playoff and the larger schools in another. Since teams see each other only once, there is no chance of any post-season rematches if the teams are from different size schools. School size

has less to do with it than which North Coast classification a team picks, since teams can move up. It is not really fair for the powerful programs to completely dominate each year in the playoffs, leaving the smaller schools no chance at an automatic NCS playoff berth, but the split system leaves little meaning to the league as an entity.

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The next question is, what are these teams doing in the same league if they cannot all play for the same league championship?

There is no way Albany is ever going to beat Bishop O'Dowd or St. Joseph in boys' basketball. But

if Albany and O'Dowd didn't play each other there would be a terrible gap in the girls' volleyball pairings.

Team strength also changes for some teams from year to year. El Cerrito was one of the top girls' volleyball teams this season, but next year the Gauchos should struggle in the league with a lot of seniors leaving.

The answer could be to realign the league into two divisions during the season and then have a combined playoff like the Bay Counties League does. In the BCL, the upper and lower divisions play exclusively and then come postseason the top four upper division

teams and the top two lower division teams make it to the playoffs.

In the next year the top lower division teams matched be bottom teams in the upper division switch places to make the competition more evenly matched, although the lower division teams have an option of staying down.

There is no perfect system to any of this, but if teams in a league are not of the same quality and they cannot come up with a system to make it better, then the league should dissolve and teams of like strength should join together.

No matter what happens, it is hard to create parity when

In the Game



Dragons come from behind to slay Panthers

Bishop O'Dowd's center, 6-foot-9 Dave Pendleton, was relegated to bench duty for most of the game because of foul trouble, but the Drag-ons still had enough height and fire-power to get by the St. Mary's Pan-thers Friday, 63-54, in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League con-test.

The Dragons (13-4, 3-0) were paced by Scott Darmstadt and Steve Moss-Kelley, both of whom scored 17 points, and by point guard Brian

Smith's game-high 11 assists. Jeff Addiego and Sam Sims scored 13 and 11 points, respectively, for the host Panthers (6-10, 1-2).

After a sloppy first quarter, when both teams struggled to get their offense in sync, O'Dowd came out strong in the second, using a tenacious, man-to-man defense to generate points.

"We were shooting the ball after just one pass," O'Dowd coach Mike Phelps said of his team's sloppy, first quarter play. "When you rush like

you."
The Dragons scored 19 points in the second (Moss-Kelley contributed 6 points, Darmstadt chipped in with 5 of his own), most of them coming as a result of steals and blocked shots.
Meanwhile, the Panthers offensive woes continued. "They (O'Dowd) beat us on the boards and they played terrific defense against us — that's the bottom line," St. Mary's player William Booker said.

After being held to 11 points in each of the first two quarters and beginning the second half down 31-22, the Panthers dug themselves a bigger hole by scoring just 8 points in the third quarter. The score at the end of the third quarter was 43-30.

"We had started to get comfortable with them (the Dragons) playing man against us," said point guard Addiego. "Then they opened up the third with a zone and are shots weren't falling."

falling."

Basketball is a game of spurts,

though, and the Panthers had theirs. Trailing, 50-32, St. Mary's went on a 9-3 run to cut the deficit to 12

And after Addiego, who had 11 of his 13 points in the fourth, including a perfect six-of-six from the charity stripe, stole the ball and fed Booker for a layup and a foul at the 1:51 mark, the Dragons lead was whittled down to five points, 59-54.

But Booker missed the free throw, and O'Dowd scored the last 4 points

of the game. The final Mary's coffin came on only dunk, a resoundin Moss-Kelley, the result, touch pass by Brian Smi "St. Mary's played witensity," said Phelps. "We too well, but we have bet and better players at this "We had a good run, b came too late," said Bool the year progresses we a

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hit 9 from the floor including two 3-pointers and either drew the defense to her or scored when she was left

"Jenny is shooting real well," said Nakamura. "As the season has pro-gressed she has gotten better with her shooting, making better decisions. Jenny can drive and shoot the three. She is becoming a better basketball player."

The Berkeley bench was a real

key in this win.
Ngumezi was in foul trouble in the Ngumezi was in foul frouble in the second quarter and had to sit. Shavaki Jackson came in and grabbed 11 rebounds and Sayles picked up some of the scoring slack with 6 points.

Ngumezi came back and finished with 11 points and Antioch had its first league loss of the season.

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Berkeley may have reason to look beyond the league to a possible Division I State Championship, but the Jackets are concentrating on taking back the BVAL title they lost last

year for the first time in five years

year for the first time in five years.

"Right now we are concerned with winning the league," said Nakamura.
"That's our focus, to win league back and go and win the section. We want to get back that title we lost last year."

Berkeley travels to Pinole Valley Friday night, then comes home against Monte Vista Wednesday to complete the first half of the league season.

After a bye date next Friday the Jackets do it all over again, playing at the opposite sites as the first half with home games against Carondelet and Liberty to start things off in February.

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Berkeley has the luxury of knowing the North Coast Section has more than enough room for this season, with only handful of Division I teams and none of them anywhere near 16-1 at this point in the season.

The thing that must be gnawing at other teams is the way Berkeley wins. It's easier to take a good offense and pick it apart with a defense that can stop the scoring than it is to come up with an offense that can penetrate a solid defense.

Gauchos

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figures with 15 points.

"The game plan was to go inside because we outsized them," said Huber. "I still would have liked to have gone down low a little bit more, and would have like it if we had not given up 73 points.

El Cerrito led 24-19 early in the second quarter before the first of four Eugene Cabrera 3-pointer shots made it a 2-point affair. The Gauchos, though, put together one of their patented runs, scoring 11 of the game's next 12 points to forge a 35-23 lead.

The sport was capped off by a

two-handed dunk by Quincy Will-iams followed by a monster rip by

Davis.

El Cerrito led by seven at the end of the half, and after three extended their advantage to 68-54. The biggest lead El Cerrito held in the game was 88-62 late in the fourth quarter.

The victory was the Gauchos 12th in a row as they improved to 13-3 overall, 3-0 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League. Encinal fell to 9-7 overall, 2-1 in the ACCAL.

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"They're playing better together,"
said Huber of his troops. "As a coach
you're never happy. I'm happy to be
13-3, and we were in the games that
we lost, but I still would like us to

play a little bit better defensively."
For Encinal, Jorge Enriquez scored a team-high 21 points, including five three's, while fellow guard Cabrera added 20. Forward Thomas Carter had 10 points for the Jets, who might very well be the best powerhouse division team in the ACCAL

A week ago Tuesday drubbed host Richmon Damon Lee led the Gauch points while Davis and A had 13. Guards Thomas iams tossed in 10 and 8 po Tomorrow at 5:30 the

Missing

ley Mavericks.

Also on defense are junior Jim Murphy and starting sophomore fullback Andrew Harland, who is expected back this week after fighting with eligibility problems.

Harland is on the Bay Oaks team with sophomore Julian Engleman another starter for St. Mary's at a midfield and forward. On the front line is junior Peter O'Henley, while Michael Hunt and Ben McIntyre are also starters in the midfield.

Galen Pallas is the goal keeper, although he was almost booted for the season for yelling at the referee in

the Encinal game after getting

card.

Backup keeper Robin be
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The Panthers haven't

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Cougars

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way and it's over."

Kagawa's comments were before the De Anza game, and Cougar fans hope the De Anza debacle wasn't the slip that the coach mentioned.

A potential blowout was never in doubt as the Dons stormed out to a 10-0 lead 2:54 into the contest. De Anza led 21-8 after a quarter and extended to 24-8 before the Cougars went on a 12-3 run to make the game interesting, though briefly.

Ahead just 27-20 De Anza put the clamps down midway throughout the second quarter, scoring six in a row to maintain a 35-22 halftime lead.

De Anza's advantage expanded to 53-30 after three quarters.
The Cougars add up to a very competitive team. However, if you stop Jon Sanger, they're beatable. Against De Anza, Sanger led all Cougars in scoring, but with just 9 points as the Dons effectively continued the 6-foot-3 swingman.

In defeat promising sophomore

as the Dons effectively continued the 6-foot-3 swingman.
In defeat promising sophomore Danny Christopher had 6 points, while juniors Vincent Chooi and Terrance McLaney had 5 each.
For the victorious Dons, who had come off an 8-point loss to Encinal, Vince Daglow scored a game-high 19 points. Guard Aaron McCoy had 12, while El Cerrito transfer Ameer Loggins and Melvin McCall each had 10 points.

Albany opened up the week losing to Bishop O'Dowd 75-49 in Oak-

The Dragons were led by small forward Scott Darmstadt's 20 points, 14 in a first quarter which saw O'Dowd storm out to a 23-7 lead.

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Sanger led the losers with 15 points, including three 3-pointers.
"Against O'Dowd we kind of play the game and then look on to the next opponent," said Kagawa. "They executed pretty well considering the height disadvantage, and I was pleased with the effort of all our kids."
The Dragons dominated the Cougars' inside as 6-foot-9 center Dave Pendleton had 13 points and eight rebounds. In limited action, O'Dowd forward Steve Moss-Kelley added 7.
Today the Cougars take on division IV and crosstown rival St. Mary's

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ston valuerossiown notars. Mary's at 4 p.m. in Albany.

Last season Albany defeated the Panthers 65-62 in double overtime, marking the first ever win over St. Mary's in Kagawa's tenure at Al-



Oakland to host 1996 Olympic boxing trials

The United States Amateur Boxing's Board of Governors announced that Oakland would be the site for its 1996 Olympic Boxing Trials. This Olympic-qualifying event will be held April 2-7, 1996, and is expected to attract thousands of spectators. In addition, the competition will be televised on NBC Sports.

The 1996 Olympic Trials will feature competition among eight boxers in each of the 12 Olympic weight categories. The trials will be competed as a double-elimination tournament for the first time, with losers in preliminary action moving to a losers bracket and having a chance to secure a seat on the coveted USA Team berth. Event organizers are reviewing the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center as the site for the 1996 Olympic Boxing Trials. Oakland has a long and colorful history as one of California's best 'flight' towns. In the 1946 and '50s, the Oakland Auditorium (now the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center) would attract capacity crowds for the Wednesday Night Fights.

The trials' victors will advance to the 1996 Olympic box-offs in Augusta, Ga., in hopes of securing a spot for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Representatives from the California International Sports Foundation, the Northern California American Boxing Federation, and the Oakland Convention and Visitors Bureau made the successful bid presentation to the USA Boxing Board of Governors. USA Boxing is the national governing body for Olympic-style boxing in the United States and is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

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Panthers

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"This was a winnable game for us," said Ballon. "In the first half we missed a couple goals by inches. We were moving the ball well in the first

Almost, but not quite
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goal and wasn't occurred before anybody had scored. It could have been
the difference.

Peter O'Henley served a pass to Adame with a wide open net in front of him, but Adame's shot went wide. The Panthers also got a prime chance when they were and free kick from 10 yards out shot went off a Jet wall and end line.

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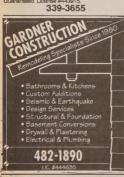
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TIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 94-7914 The Name of the Business: dla, 131 Carmel Avenue, El Cerrito, CA

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hereby registered by the following Owners:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 94-7916 The Name of the Business: fullip Floors, 3501 Carlson Blvd., El Cerrito, CA

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

s hereby registered by the following Owners: Christopher Lee Blair, 3312 Betty Lafayette, CA 94549. David Lynn Lortsher. 341 41st, Apt. B, Oak JA 94609.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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ireese Cleaners, 6518 Cladys Avenue, El Certio, CA 94530.
Therby registered by the following Owner:
Ferdinard M. Erdillo, 6518 Cladys Avenue, El
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is hereby registered by the following Owners:
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Sobrante, CA 94803.
Raul G. Meza, 290 Silver Ave., San Francisc
CA 94803.
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It may be 1995, but the work of the Contra Costa County Human Relations Commission continues

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The mission of the Board of Su pervisors-appointed commission, which was formed in 1986, is to work toward a county where all people can live in harmony and safety, free from discrimination. The

people can live in farmony am safety, free from discrimination. The county commission has the authority to function within the unincorporated areas of the county when human relations issues arise. The County Human Relations Commission would like to invite any interested cities that would like to learn more about the commission or want to work with the county commission in their local area to contact the commission at 646-5322, or by writing to Contra Costa County Human Relations Commission, 2425 Bisso Lane, Suite 120, Concord 94520.

As the commission begins working in this new year, it is welcoming seven new members, bringing the

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pointed by each of the five supervisors, and four commissioners are designated at large, making a total of a nine member commission.

The person appointed by each Supervisor will serve as the chair of a District Alliance. Each District Alliance will facilitate local networking and address local needs and interests

and interests.

The Arts and Culture Commission will advance the arts in a way that promotes communication, education, appreciation and collaboration throughout Contra Costa County. The Commission is committed to preserve, celebrate and share the arts and culture of the many diverse ethnic groups in our County. It will also begin creating partnerships with and interests.

Commission will meet monthly.
Application forms are available at each Supervisor's office and Clerk of the Board (646-2371). The dead-line for enteries is Feb. 1.



ing in this new year, it is welcoming seven new members, bringing the commission to its full capacity. The new members are: Ben A. Brooks of Richmond, M. Luisa Almeida of Richmond, Trevor Evans-Young, Sr., of Hercules, Jeanene V. Ferguson of Rodeo, Julia Hernandez of Concord, Anthony Williams of Richmond, and Youth Advisor John B. Greene, Jr., of Pittsburg.

The commission has started this new year with the hope that each and every city in the county will be working proactively on human relations issues and that all can work toward the creation of an environment and social norm throughout

discrimination and hate-based actions of any kind.

The Board of Supervisors is currently accepting applications to serve as commissioner on the newly established Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County.

One commissioner will be appointed by each of the five supervisors, and four commissioners are

County. It will also begin creating partnerships with business and government. Most importantly, the Commission will promote arts and culture as a vital element in the quality of life for all of the citizens of Contra Costa County.

The term is four years, and the Commission will meet monthly.



Goings on About Town

Performances

Bay Area Planists: Jan. 21, 8 p.m.: Presents Daniel Glover. Northern Felowship Meeting House, 2138 Cedar St., Berkeley. Call 841-7721.

Hertz Hall: Jan. 25, noon: Japanese music featuring Philip Flavin, koto, sangen, voice; Michael Hattori, koto, voice; Robin-harshome, shakuhachi. U.C. Berkeley campus, free. Call 642-4864.

MusicSources: Jan. 22, 5 p.m.: Andrew Appel, keyboards, plays with the Goldberg Variations. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. Call 528-1685.

New Glorgi Gallery Concert Hall: Jan. 20: Modus Novus, a capella quintet; Jan. 21: Sarah Kajeolani Voynow, harp; Jan. 22, noon: Seth Montford, solo piano, \$4.50, Jan. 22, 3p.m.: Chi Nguyen, piano. All concerts \$7.50 and at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Includes a free glass of winer from Oddbins Winnery. 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-4867.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley:

Feb. 18. 1301 STABLENCK (at Bentylmunylm Berkeley. 'Call 528-5620.

Black Repertory Group: "Keeper of the Supreme Decree" by Etha Gray, a playabout Martin Luther King, Jr. told "like never before" and a presentation from

New Arts Experience Department runs through February, 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley.

Caffé Mediterraneum: Jan. 22, noon - 8 p.m.: New arts and cultural revival begins with an exhibition and poetry reading. Paintings and drawings by Guy Coldwell, Judy Jones, Demaris Brown; photography by Pathok Gagne; poetry by Julia Vinogragh; Music by Laura Nimr and Celeste Howard. Telegraph Avenue, between Haste and Dwight in Berkeley. Call 644-9819 or 204-9678.

The Masquers Playhouse: Auditions for "The Matchmaker" on Jan. 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. 7 men (various ages) 7 women (various ages). Will run March 24through May 6. Call Robert Love, (415) 331-0811.

Poetry at Cody's: Jan. 22: Michael McClure & Jack Foley and Adelle Foley. 7:30 p.m., \$2, upstairs. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call 845-7852.

U.C. Thesther Tivesdays through Feb. 13: Shakespeare on Screen. 2036 University Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-6267.

Ashikenaz: Jan. 19: Matt Littlemoon; Jan. 20: Mernorial dance benefit, Jan. 21: Kotoja; Jan. 22: Joyful Noise jazz band (4 - 6 p.m.), Flamenco open stage (8 p.m.); Jan. 24: Gene Gilbreauc, Jan. 25: Tee Fee; Jan. 26: Wongozi. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Kimball's East: Through Jan. 22: Keith Washington; Jan. 25-29: Confunkshun with Michael Cooper and Felton Pilot. All shows 8 and 10 p.m. unless otherwise noted. \$18-\$24. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. Call 658-2555.

Starry Plough: Jan. 19: Slombis, bola Soup Pee; Jan. 20: Love Props, Incie Ray, Jan. 21: Texas Border Radio; an. 22: 510 Magazine benefit with Emie Jerlin; Jan. 25: Darts; Jan. 26: Carmaig Jeforest, Stark Raving Chandler, Music tarts Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 m.; Sunday, 8 p.m. unless otherwise oted. 3101 Shattluck Ave., Berkeley. 41-2082.

Churches, Temples and Religious Activities

Berkeley Hadassah: Jan. 22, 11 n.: Annual Donor Brunch will feature Michael Krasny, "Reflections on My wish State: A Son Come Home." Call

Congregation Beth Isreal: Jan. 22, 8 m.: "The Impact of Feminism on Ameri-un Jewish Life" by Shoshana prshenzon. 1630 Bancroft Way, Berke-

Northbrae Community Church: Jan. 22, 10 a.m.: Bible study; 11 a.m.: Worship service. 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call 848-5107.

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Pacific School of Religion: Jan. 24, 25 and 26, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. (8 p.m. worship service): "Jesus Beyond the Bible: A Cultural Debate," a series of lectures by John Dominic Crossan, New Testament historian and author of Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography, and Chung Hyun Kyung, a feminist liberation theologian who teaches at Ewha University in Korea. First Congregational Church

Annual Pancake Breekfast: Jan. 21, a.m.: Harding Elementary School of El territo fund-raiser. 7230 Fairmont Ave., I Cerrito. Call 528-9464. Bancroft Cooperative School: Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m.: Kindergarten information Ight. 2398 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call 49-3-852

49-3652.

LeConte Primary School: Jan. 19, 7 m: Hosts its kindergarten orientation adschool information night in the auditoms at 241 Russell St., between Isworth and Fulton. Call 644-6290.

Vegetarian potluck: Jan. 22, 5 p.m.: obert Kradjian, M.D., will be featured beaker at potluck sponsored by arthSave, Sierra Club and East Bay segetarians. Sz donation plus vegetarin dish, plate and utensils. Unitarian ellowship, Cedar and Bonita, in Berke-ly.

Black Oak Books: Jan. 19: The Colors of Desire, David Mura; Jan. 22: The Villagers: Changed Values, Altered Lives: The Closing of the Urban-Flural Gap, Richard Chrichfield; Jan. 25: Desert Legends: Re-Storying the Sonoran Borderands, Gary Nabhan; Jan. 26: A Stroke of Genius: Illness and Self-Discovery, Paul Nest. All events 7:30 p.m. unless noted. 1491 Shattluck Ave., Berkeley. Call 486-1698.

Cody's Books: Jan. 19: The End of Work: The Decline of the Global Labor Force and the Dawn of the Post-Market Era, Jeremy Rifkin; Jan. 22: Good Benito, Alan Lightman; Jan. 23: The World's Religions: A Guide to Our Wisdom, Huston Smith; Jan. 24: Ask Me If I Care: Voices from an American High School, Nancy Rubin; Jan. 26: If You Don't Like The News...Go Out And Make Some of Your Own, Scoop Nisker. All events 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call 845-7852. Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore: Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m.: "Viewing the Rain Forests" with Duncan McSwain; Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.: "Ghost Hurting in Mortana" with Barnaby Conrad; "Packing Demonstration" with Judith Gilford. 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-6725. GALA Bookstore: Jan. 19: Awake

ing Demonstration with Judith Gillord. 1385 Shattluck Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-6725.

GAIA Bookstore: Jan. 19: Awake Again: All the Way Back From Head Injury, Martin Kreig; Jan. 20: The Millernium Whole Earth Catalogue, Howard Rheingold; Jan. 23: Insight Meditation & Lovingkindness: The Revolutionary/Artof Happiness, Joseph Goldstein and Sharon Saizburg; Jan. 25: Standing in the Center of Your Seat of Power: A Message from the Elders. All events 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 1400 Shattluck Ave., Berkeley. Call 548-4172.

M.C. Newburn Books: Jan. 23, 7 p.m.: The Sephia Siren Killer, Richard A. Lupoff. 950 San Pablo Ave., Albany. all 524-1370.

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a.m.: Mini hike, Wildcat Carnyon Regional
Park, call 215-2880.

Berkeley/Albarny Mildweek Ski Club:
Midweek skiers' social club meets first
and third Tuesdays. Sharing cuts the cost
of club owned Tahoe City ski lodge. Must
be over 21. Call 451-1044.
Contra Costa Hills Club: Jan. 22:
San Bruno Mountain, (415) 467-6167;
Jan. 26: Fort Mason to Fort Point, 9335821.

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Marmot Mountain Works: Jan. 24, 7
p.m.: Trekking to Vietnam. 3049 Adeline
St., Berkeley. Call 848-1712.

REI: Jan. 19, 7 p.m.: Crossing the
Mojave on Foot A Tribute To California's
Newest Wildlands; Jan. 26, 7 p.m. Bali:
The Enchanted Isle. REI offers several
Learn-to-Ski weekends this winter. Jan.
28: Sugar Bowl; Feb. 4: Tahoe Donner
cross country, Feb. 11: Royal Gorge,
1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Call
527-4140.

Top Guides: Jan. 24, 7 p.m.: "Trek-

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Botanical Garden: Jan. 21, 10 a.m.:
Rose pruning workshop. Locatedin Strawberry Carnyon on Centennial Drive, east of Memorial Stadium, UC-Berkeley carnpus. Call 642-3343.

Atta Bartes: Tuesdays through Feb.
14: Weight control program; Wednesdays through Feb. 15: Smoking cessation management course. Call 704-6510.

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Berkeley Folk Dancers: International Olkdancelessons. Beginners class: Tuesdays, 7:45-9:45 p.m. Classes for other levels available. 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. Call 527-2491.

Birthways: Jan. 21, 10 a.m.: Labor Support for Family and Friends, Jan. 22, 10 a.m.: CPR; Jan. 22, 1 p.m.: Pediatric CPR. Call 869-2797.

El Cerrito Rec: Classes beginning: Featured are Safe Aerobics, Creating Abstract Art, Creative Memories, Household Aromatherapy. Call 215-4371 for date and time.

Tear Gas Training Group: Jan. 19,6 m.: Berkeley YWCA, 2600 Bancroft ay, Berkeley; Jan. 21,9 a.m.: Albany y Herkeley; Jan. 21,9 a.m.: Albany Jan. 2005

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After Life discussion group: Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.: "is There Life After Life?" Informal talk and discussion. Free. Et Strekton Ave., Call

Informal talk and discussion. Free. El Cerrito Library, 6519 Stockton Ave., Call 524-1474. Albary Bicycle Advisory Commit-tee: Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.: Meets at the Albary Community Center, Marin Av-enue at Masonic.

Berkeley City Club: Jan. 22, noon: torical landmark architectural tour. Call

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Berkeley High School: Class of 1985 is looking for graduates for its 10 year reunion. Write: BHS Class of '85 Re-union, 1928 Bush Ave., San Pablo, CA 84806.

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Berkeley Public Library: Jan. 26, 6:15 p.m.: African American Book Club meets every last Thursday. Book for January: Invisible Man, Raiph Elison. South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell. Call 773-9558.

Buddy Club: Jan. 22, 11 a.m.: Juggler Supreme Mark Bunnell & Singer Dan Goldensohn. 7007 Moeser Lane, El Certito. Call 215-4377.

California Writer's Club: Jan. 21, 11 a.m.: Meeting and luncheon features Flichard A. Lupoff, science fiction mystery aurthor. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 237-8497 or 845-4725.

City Commons Club: Jan. 20, noon: Shirley Dean, mayor of Berkeley. "The State of the City, 1995." 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-3533.

Contract Bridge: Berkeley-El Certic Certin League unit has duplicate bridge games at several times and places. Call 232-6689 or 526-1767.

Gray Parthers, Berkeley: Jan. 25, 1:30p.m.: Education committee meeting. Call 527-3790.

IRS Workshops: Jan. 25, 6p.m.: The "Nanny Tax" lawhas changed. You may have overpaid employer taxes for your

baby-sitter, housekeeper or caretaker. The changes may qualify you for a refund. Berkeley Library, Claremont Branch, 2940. Berwenue Ave., Berkeley. Call 637-2473. Mental Health Public Meeting: Jan. 25, 7 p.m.: Tell Berkeley Mental Health what you think about the design of the system. North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St., Berkeley. Call 644-6540.

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Older Women's League: Jan. 21, 9
am. - 1 p.m.: Workshop, "Get Smart:
Women and Pension Rghts," features a
panel of experts on law, planning, and
Social Security. Acade Financial Center,
2200 Powell St., Emeryville. Call 527-

2693.

Picture Framing Workshop: Jan. 24, 7 p.m.: Seven week workshop at the Albany Adult School begins. Call 559-6590.

Poets' Dinner Committee: Jan. 25: Deadline for contrest. Cash prize, no fee. Send inquiries to 1527 Virginia St., Berkeley, 94703-1231.

ACCI: "Janus Faces Forward" an exhibit of paintings, prints and photographs, clay, mixed media and sculpture by East Bay artists runs through Feb. 5 in conjunction with the Artists' Choice Sale. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-

Bakery Cafe: "New Paintings by Jensifer Pearson" through Feb. 7. The Bakery Cafe at the Berkeley Bowl, 2777 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 527-4912. Berkeley Art Center: "Songs of Innocence/songs of Experience," an exhibition of mixed media work by local artists Edythe Boone, Kaleo Ching and Nancy Mizuno Elliot closes Jan. 21.

Berkeley Historical Society Museum: "Drop Me A Line: A Postcard Review" through April 1. 1931 Center St., Berkeley. Call 848-0181.

East Bay Watercolor Society: Members on exhibit at Alta Baties Community Art Gallery, Ashby Ave., Berkeley, through March 5. Call 838-8113 or 228-1379.

Emeryville Artists: "On the Verge" an exhibit showcasing local artists opens Jan. 15 and runs through Feb. 17 at Bucci's. A reception will be held on Jan. 2, 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hollis Street Complex, located at Hollis and 59th streets, within walking distance from the exhibit.

Gallery of the Center for Psycho-

streets, within walking distance from the exhibit.

Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies: "Inside Out: Expressions from the Heart," a mixed media show by four Bay Area artists through rieb. 16 at 1398 Solano Ave., Albary.

Graduate Theological Union: "Haitian Paintings" through June 2. Hewlett Library, GTU, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkelby. Call 649-2540.

Hearst Museum of Anthropology: "BackRoads to Far Towns," through April 16. 103 Kroeber Hall, College Avenue and Bancroft. Call 642-3681.

Judah L. Magnes: "Breaverght-Mout. HAROLD Paris" Leaver of Innovation" closes Jan. 22. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. CALL 549-6950.

Lawrence Hall of Science: "Insects

Up Close*opens Jan. 14 and runs through April 18. Centennial Drive, below Grizziy Peak, in the Berkeley hills. Call 642-5132.

Olive Hyde Gallery: The coiled basketry of Berkeley fiber artist. Kathleen Peelen Krebs will be on exhibit at 123 Washingion Blvd., Fremont, through Feb. 12. Call 791-4357.

Richmond Art Center: "Game Board IV" by Nancy Seivin on exhibit in the Courtyard; Tomas Nakada, "Recent Work" and Robert Ortbal, "As Above, So Below" in the Gallery. Runs through March 19. Clvic Center Plaza, Richmond. Call 620-6772.

University Art Museum: "Face of the Gods: Art and Altars of Africa and the African Americas" runs through Feb., 19; "A Moveable Feast: Chinese Ceramics and Bronzes from the Warren King collection" through Fell 1995; "Images and Ideas: The Collection of Focus" ongoing. 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

University Lutheran Chapel: "Ad Gloriam Del" closes Jan. 22. 2425 College Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-6230.

World Institute on Disability: Exhibit of artwork by Steve Potter runs through Feb. 23. 510 16th St., suite 100 (between Telegraph and San Pablo.)

Support Groups and Self-Help

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Otterstad at 524-4063.
Albarry Special Education Parent
Support Group morthly meetings, 5249753 or 525-8135 for information.
Alzheimer's Association offers support groups throughout the Bay Area. For
information, call 800-942-1333.
Alzheimer's Support Group meets at Doctor's Hospital the second Friday of
every morth at noon. 2151 Appian Way,



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